



# THE TIMES OF INDIA

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY &amp; MAHASHIVRATRI



A Delhi court issues summons to CM Kejriwal on a fresh plea by ED, stating that he is 'legally bound to comply with the summons' in a laundering case. He has been asked to appear on March 16, P 7

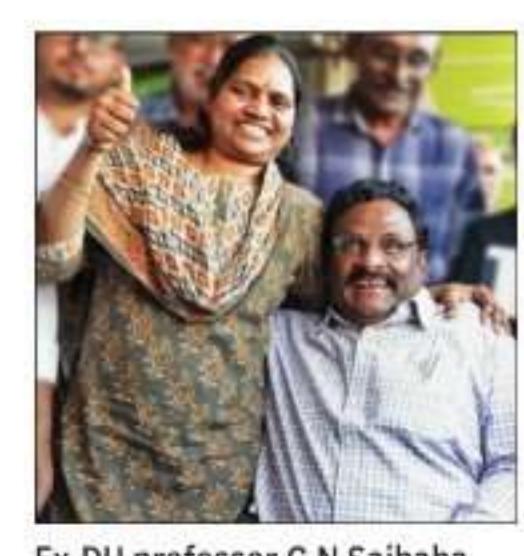
Sweden formally joins Nato as 32nd member of transatlantic military alliance, ending decades of post-WWII neutrality after rise in concerns about Russian aggression in Europe following invasion of Ukraine, INSIDE JACKET

Kuldeep Yadav scythes through England with a 5-wicket haul and becomes 2nd fastest spinner to 50 Test wickets while Ashwin takes 4 wickets as visitors are bowled out for 218 by India on Day 1 of Dharamshala Test, P 29

Yashasvi Jaiswal becomes highest Indian run-scorer in a Test series against England (712), 2nd fastest Indian after Vinod Kambli to reach 1,000 runs (in 16 innings), P 29

Cabinet hikes DA from 46% to 50% of basic pay

Union cabinet on Thursday hiked DA for central govt staff and dearness relief for pensioners by 4 percentage points—from 46% of basic pay to 50%—effective Jan, while also revising other benefits. The move, which will benefit 1.2cr central govt staff & pensioners, will have an annual impact of Rs 12,900cr on the exchequer. P 16



Ex-DU professor G N Saibaba celebrates with wife Vasantha after being released from Nagpur Central Jail Thursday. He said he was 'lucky to have come out alive' | P 30

April hope for Wish Town homebuyers

National Company Law Appellate Tribunal has allowed Suraksha Group to start construction at Jaypee Wish Town, where more than 20,000 homebuyers have been waiting for their flats for more than a decade. It sought consensus by next hearing on April 18. P 8

Doc, 71, loses ₹8.6L to sextortionists

Fraudsters made a video call to a 71-year-old city doctor with a woman at the other end and later extorted Rs 8.6 lakh by threatening to circulate the video of him in a 'compromising position'. Two suspects have been arrested. P 3

## Will continue to work to win hearts, PM tells J&K

1st Valley Visit After Nixing Of Special Status

Manash Pratim Gohain & Saleem Pandit | TNN



PM Modi interacts with a participant at an exhibition in Srinagar prior to Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir event on Thursday

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After 2014, I have maintained that I am working hard to win your hearts. And day by day I am seeing that I have made steady progress towards my objective. I will keep trying to win hearts of Kashmiris till I have won each." The outreach

amid interaction with entrepreneurs came along with a vigorous defence of the decision to do away with special status, which has been criticized by parties from the Valley.

► 'Neutralisation...' P 18

CBI busts racket trapping Indians in Russian war

CBI has busted major international human trafficking networks involved in sending Indian youths to the Russia-Ukraine war zone by luring them with lucrative job offers, reports Rajshekhar Jha. The agency is probing recruitment agencies, including a prominent one in Delhi, besides those in Dubai, Mumbai and Chandigarh, and has carried out raids at multiple locations.

The action follows the death of two Indians, who were promised decent jobs in Russia only to end up fighting in its army. Thirty-five such men have been identified till now, sources said. P 16

Rahul to fight in Wayanad, no decision yet on Amethi

New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi is likely to contest from Wayanad as the Congress Election Committee Thursday cleared the names of all the 15 sitting MPs from Kerala for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Of 60 seats under consideration, the party cleared names for 40, prominent among them being former CM Bhupesh Baghel from Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh, ex-Manipur CM Ibobi Singh from Manipur Valley and Shashi Tharoor from Thiruvananthapuram. As per indications, Congress will tie up with CPM, which is expected to take Tripura East. TNN

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### DANCE of DEMOCRACY

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► Want to make son Aaditya CM of Maha, Uddhav says in public rally | P 18

Cabinet clears ₹10k cr plan for NE, extends LPG subsidy of ₹300

In a pre-election push targeted at the north-eastern states and women, the Union Cabinet on Thursday cleared a Rs 10,000 crore industrialisation scheme for the hilly region and Rs 12,000 crore for the next fiscal to extend the subsidy of Rs 300 a cylinder under the Ujjwala scheme.

In addition, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs decided to increase the MSP for jute by Rs 285 a quintal to Rs 5,335, in a bid to ensure a return of 65% of all-India weighted average cost of

► Nod for AI mission with ₹10k cr outlay, P 16

production for farmers. The decision will greatly benefit farmers in eastern states, especially West Bengal, textiles minister Piyush Goyal said. The move comes days before the model code of conduct for elections kicks in. P 16

## SC: Not an offence to call abrogation of Art 370 a black day

Says Citizens Have A Right To Criticise Govt

New Delhi: In a landmark judgment, Supreme Court on Thursday made 'right to dissent lawfully' a part of right to life and said terming abrogation of J&K's special status under Article 370 a 'black day', coupled with wishing happy independence day to Pakistan, would not constitute an offence of promoting enmity between groups or communities on religious lines under Section 153A of IPC, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.

"Every citizen of India has a right to be critical of the action of abrogation of Art 370 & the change of status of J&K. Describing the day the abrogation happened as a 'black day' is an expression of protest and anguish. If every criticism or protest of actions of the state is to be held as an offence under Sect 153A, democracy, which is an essential feature of the Constitution, won't survive," said a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka & Ujjal Bhuyan.

► Justice Abhay S Oka

► 'Right to dissent', P 17

### MORE FROM SUPREME COURT

'Isn't Maha speaker decision contrary to our verdict?'

New Delhi: A city court sentenced three convicts to rigorous life imprisonment for the murder of photographer Ankit Saxena over an inter-faith love affair. Sparing the noose for the parents and uncle of Saxena's girlfriend, court said death sentence in this case was not justified.

"Case... does not fall in the category of rarest of rare and there is a strong possibility of their reformation. Therefore, none of them deserves to be punished with the death sentence," additional sessions judge Sunil Kumar Sharma noted. TNN

► Capital punishment? P 7

'Terminally ill have fundamental right to palliative care'

New Delhi: Supreme Court Thursday took the prima facie view that Maharashtra speaker Rahul Narwekar's Jan 10 decision recognising the Ek Nath Shinde faction as the real Sena based on its legislative majority could be violative of the SC's May 2023 judgment barring him from deciding the dispute based solely on the strength of group MLAs in the House, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra. CJI said, "Speaker decides (real Sena) based on legislative strength of the factions. Is this not contrary to our judgment?"

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### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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Of over 2.6cr new electors, around 1.4cr are women. India now has 96.9cr electors, 47.2cr of them women | P 22

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► Hijab Honchos: With a hijab on their head & dreams in their eyes, several young women from old Hyderabad are entering the field of tech startups, walking the tightrope of balancing societal norms while being bosses | FLAP OPP

► No Road Too High: At 19,400ft and -20°C in Hanle, Ladakh, Col Ponung Domming, commanding Border Roads Task Force, is overseeing construction of world's highest road, some bridges, and a base at Nyoma | FLAP OPP

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► Writing The Wrong: Girls are harnessing power of writing to bring change. A perimeter wall was built at a govt school in Poonch after Rukhsar Kausar wrote about it. After Hema Rawal's family lost their home to rain, she wrote about it in a newspaper. That brought help | P 22

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SUNRISE 6.37AM (SAT)  
SUNSET 6.25PM (FRI)

**MAXIMUM** 26.4°  
**MINIMUM** 8.8°

MOONRISE 5.59AM (SAT)  
MOONSET 4.11PM (FRI)

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# Merchants Of Death: Gang That Supplied Fake Medicines Busted

**NATIONWIDE RACKET:** Surge In Supply To Retail Markets Of Delhi Prompts Action

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New Delhi: Delhi Police's Crime Branch has busted a massive counterfeit medicine racket, comprising manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and pharmacists, and arrested 10 people. Besides seizing fake medicines worth crores, the cops have also sealed two factories located in Ghaziabad and Shamli from where huge quantities of raw materials, empty printed boxes, packaging material and machinery parts have been seized. The syndicate was supplying fake medicines across the country, risking people's lives, police said.

Special commissioner (crime) Shalini Singh said that the racket had links in many states, including Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. "The seized fake medicines are prescribed as painkillers and antibiotics apart from medicines for diabetes, migraine, etc. The breakthrough came in the wake of inputs suggesting that there had been a surge in the supply of fake medicines in the retail markets of Delhi".

"Several anti-gang squads were pressed into service to locate the suspects involved in this trade, which was a public health hazard," Singh added.

One team, along with representatives of Johnson & Johnson and Lupin company, intercepted a van at Tilak Marg and nabbed two persons. "During the search, a huge quantity of fake tablets with labels of Ultracet, Amaryl 1M, Gluconorm and Defort were recovered from the van. During interrogation, the suspects disclosed the names of their accomplices who were subsequently arrested with large amounts of fake medicines," a senior officer said.

Another team arrested a man with a large quantity of fake tablets and capsules. The third team apprehended

## CHECK BEFORE YOU BUY

### The Operation

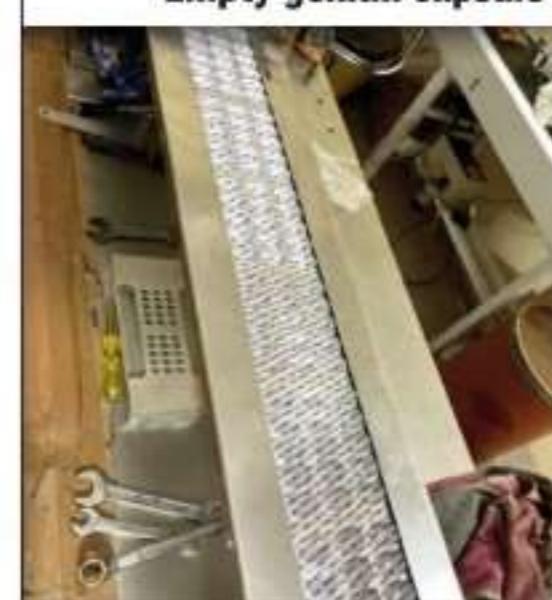
- Crime Branch receives tip-off about sale of fake medicines in the city, gathers intel
- Multiple teams act on inputs, conduct simultaneous raids at different locations
- 10, including suppliers, manufacturers, pharmacy owners and agents, arrested
- Large amount of fake medicines, empty shells seized
- Two manufacturing units busted in NCR



### Fake medicines found

Name	Company	Quantity
Ultracet	Johnson & Johnson	35,700 tablets
Amaryl 1M	Sanofi	2,380 tablets
Gluconorm G1	Lupin	17,000 tablets
Defort-6	Macleods Pharma	18,600 tablets
Monocef-O	Aristo	2,16,000 tablets
Pantocid DSR	Sun Pharma	7,350 tablets
Omed Dsr	Dr Reddy	6,750 tablets

Empty gelatin capsule shells | 25,000



### Main characters

Surender Malik   Manufacturer; graduated in arts from Hind College, Sonipat, in 2003	in pharmacy; gave his licence to medicine shops on commission
Vikas Chauhan   Manufacturer; holds a degree in D Pharma from Roorkee	Abdul Basit   Chemist; ran a medicine shop in Geeta colony, sold fake medicines
Anil Kumar   Manufacturer and factory setup	Upkar Singh & Mukesh   Agents; engaged in sale and purchase of medicines for a commission of 8-9%
Pravez   Supplier	Daniyal Ali   Holds a diploma

three other suspects from the trans-Yamuna area.

ny, which was involved in the sale of these fake medicines.

The Crime Branch also conducted a raid in Panipat and seized over 2.1 lakh tablets of a medicine named Monocef-O. During investigation, a factory set up in Himachal Pradesh was identified but it came to fore that it had been shifted to Shamli, UP. A raid was conducted there and a factory with a comp-

lete machinery setup was found and running. Two more suspects, including the factory owner, were arrested.

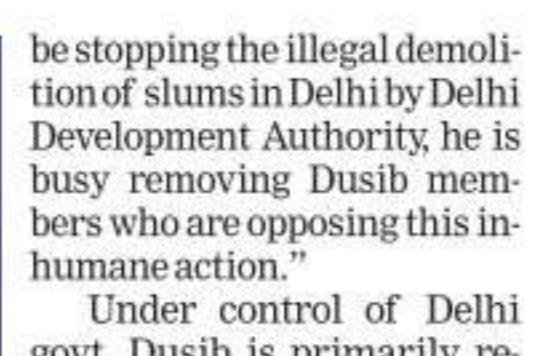
Police busted another factory in Ghaziabad on the basis of disclosure of the arrested people. A godown in New Defence Colony was also busted and more medicines were recovered besides empty Gelatin capsule shells and die machines. "Overall, we sei-

nification with immediate effect," said an official.

"LG has also directed that a panel of fresh names for expert members, who fulfil requisite qualifications, may be submitted for consideration in terms of the provisions of the Act and Section 45D of GNCTD (Amendment) Act 2023 within a week," the official added.

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## LG orders axing of 2 non-official members of Dusib

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Thursday ordered the termination of the services of two non-official members of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (Dusib) who had been continuing as "expert members" allegedly without having the requisite "experience and expertise" in urban planning and slum matters.

Raj Niwas officials said Bipin Kumar Rai had been performing the role for the past nine years while Amrendra Kumar was appointed a non-official member in March 2022. "Both were drawing hefty remuneration in contravention of the law. LG used his powers vide Section 4(2) of Dusib Act 2010 and ordered their ter-

mination with immediate effect," said an official.

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# 71-year-old doctor loses ₹8.6 lakh in sextortion trap, two arrested

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 71-year-old doctor in east Delhi fell victim to a sextortion gang. The scammers extorted Rs. 8.6 lakh from him by threatening to circulate a video of him with a woman in a compromising position on the other end of a video call, police said.

Two suspects, identified as Maahfuz (39) and Aamir Khan (26), were arrested from Mewat in Rajasthan for allegedly running the racket, police said, adding that they were found involved in 25 cases across the country.

Police received a complaint from the doctor who alleged that fraudsters had recorded him in a compromising position during a WhatsApp video call and extorted money from him by threatening to publicise the video.

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While analysing the mobile numbers used by the fraudsters to contact the complainant, the investigation led to Mewat area in Rajasthan. "A raid was conducted, and the two accused were nabbed," the DCP said, adding that seven phones and 11 SIM cards which were used in the sextortion were recovered from the accused. Two compromising videos of the complainant have also been confiscated.

Further investigation was underway to arrest other members of the gang. Three people, suspected of being involved

Maharashtra. Remarkably, all of these accounts were opened digitally solely for the purpose of receiving fraudulently obtained funds, lacking proper KYC verification," said Apoorva Gupta, deputy commissioner of police (east).

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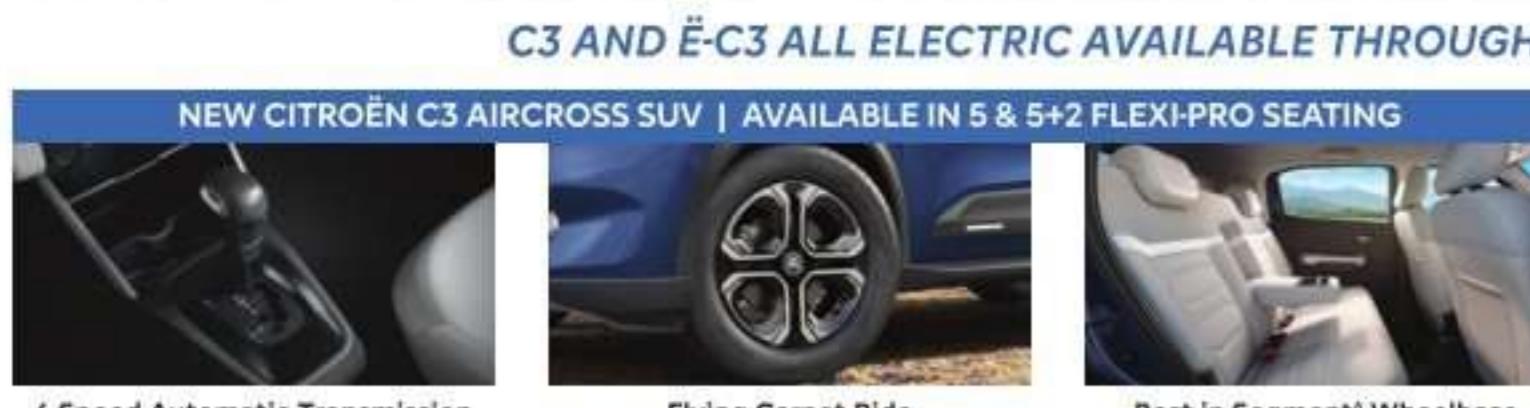
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1	09/24	Veterinary and Livestock Inspector	Animal Husbandry Unit	C	17	26	04	00	05	52	02	05	02
2	10/24	Canteen Attendant	Directorate of Training (UTDC)	C	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
3	11/24	Salesman Grade-I	DTTDC	C	10	05	03	01	01	20	00	02	00
4	12/24	General Correspondent Assistant	DTTDC	C	03	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	00
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7	15/24	PGT (Informatics Practices/ Computer Science)	NDMC	B	03	00	00	00	00	03	00	--	--
8	16/24	PGT (English)	NDMC	B	03	02	02	01	01	09	00	--	--
9	17/24	PGT (Sanskrit)	NDMC	B	01	00	01	00	01	03	00	--	--
10	18/24	PGT (Music)	NDMC	B	00	01	00	00	00	01	01	--	--
11	19/24	PGT (Painting)	NDMC	B	03	01	01	00	01	06	01	--	--
12	20/24	Assistant Architect	NDMC	B	02	02	00	00	01	05	00	--	--
13	21/24	Assistant Director (Horticulture)	NDMC	B	03	01	00	00	00	04	00	--	--
14	22/24	Chair Side Assistant	NDMC	C	05	02	01	00	00	08	01	00	00
15	23/24	Dental Mechanic	NDMC	C	02	00	00	00	00	02	01	00	00
16	24/24	Dental Operating Room Assistant Gr III	NDMC	C	02	01	00	00	00	05	01	00	00
17	25/24	ECG Technician	NDMC	C	.02	01	00	00	01	04	00	00	00
18	26/24	Statistical Assistant	NDMC	B	01	01	00	00	00	02	00	--	--
19	27/24	Welder	NDMC	C	02	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	00
20	28/24	Assistant Director (Horticulture)	MCD	B	08	03	.01	00	01	13	01	--	--
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22	30/24	Public Health Nursing Officer	MCD	B	12	15	10	05	04	46	00	--	--
23	31/24	B.C.G. Technician	MCD	C	03	01	00	00	00	04	00	00	00
24	32/24	Assistant Community Organizer	MCD	C	07	05	03	01	02	18	00	01	00
25	33/24	Assistant Sanitary Inspector	MCD	C	140	92	51	25	34	342	14	34	17
26	34/24	Stenographer Grade 'D'	MCD	C	77	51	28	14	18	188	08	18	00
27	35/24	Caretaker (Male)	Women and Child Development	C	36	22	12	06	08	84	04	08	04
28	36/24	Caretaker (Female)	Women and Child Development	C	26	17	09	05	07	64	02	06	03
29	37/24	House Father/Matron (Only for Male)	Women and Child Development	C	19	10	05	03	03	40	02	04	02
30	38/24	House Mother/Matron (Only for Female)	Women and Child Development	C	11	07	04	01	03	26	01	02	01
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38	46/24	Inspecting Officer	Labour Department	C	00	03	01	01	00	05	01	00	00
39	47/24	Instructor Civil Defence/Technical Assistant	Directorate of Civil Defence	C	08	04	02	01	00	15	00	02	00
40	48/24	Laboratory Attendant	Drugs Control Department	C	01	00	00	00	00	01	01	00	00
41	49/24	Draftsman Grade- II	MCD	B	03	01	01	00	00	05	01	--	--
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43	51/24	Laboratory Assistant (Chemistry)	Drugs Control Department	C	00	01*	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
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48	56/24	TGT (Computer Science)	Directorate of Education	B	38	02	02	08	05	55	13	--	--
49	57/24	Domestic Science Teacher	Directorate of Education	B	46	37	08	35	19	145	16	--	--
50	58/24	Motor vehicle Inspector	Transport Department	B	08	04	01	03	04	20	03	--	--
51	59/24	Junior Assistant	Urdu Academy	C	03	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	00
52	60/24	Junior Laboratory Analyst	Excise, Entertainment & Luxury Tax	C	02	01	01	00	00	04	00	00	00
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# As Covid Cases Spike, Docs Say No Need For Alarm But Stay Cautious

Influenza Cases Also Rising In City, Symptoms More Severe Than Covid: Experts

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New Delhi: Doctors, while responding to the rise in the number of Covid-19 cases in the city, said there is no need to panic as most patients have mild symptoms that took 5 to 7 days to recover from, but requested vigilance and following of safety norms.

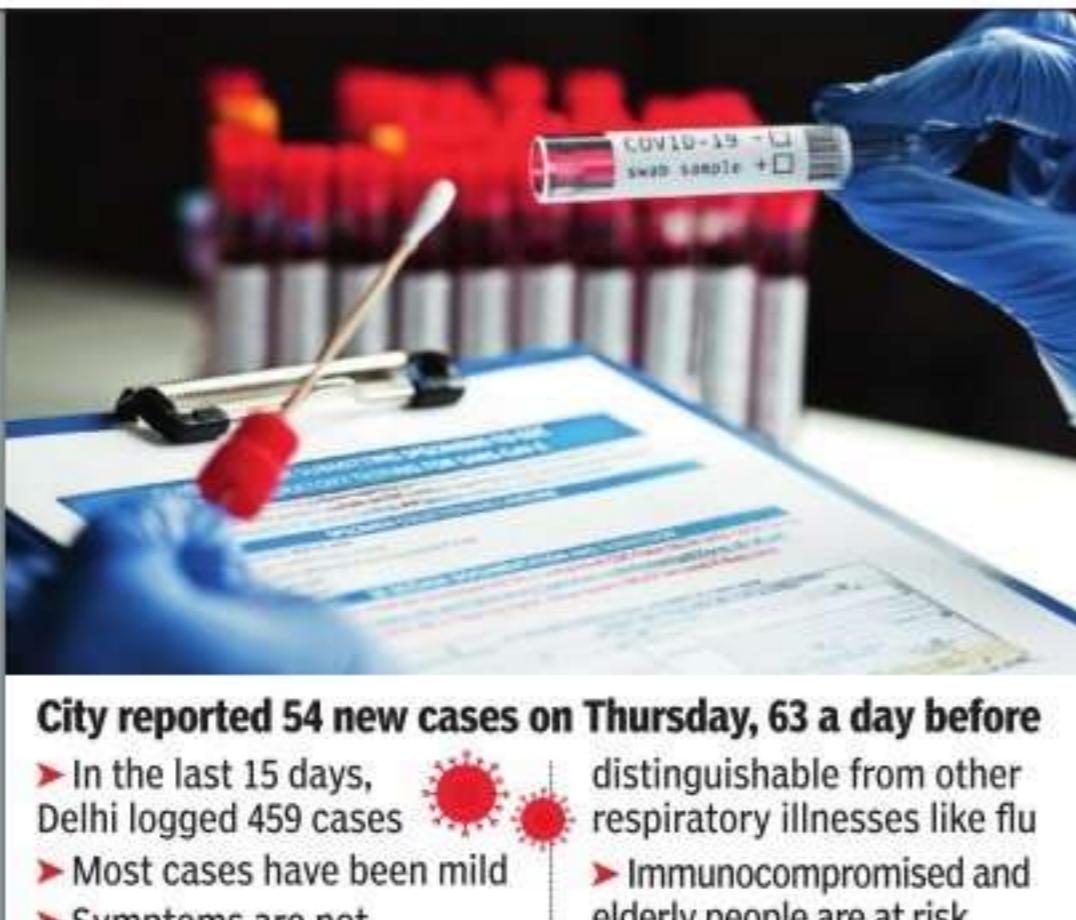
Delhi reported 63 new Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, the highest daily number since May last year when more than 50 cases were reported in a day.

Doctors in leading private and government hospitals said that along with Covid, there was a spike in influenza cases and in H1N1 infection with slightly more severe symptoms than Covid-19. The doctors said that a prolonged cough was being reported by patients after H1N1 or H3N2 infections.

Dr Sushila Kataria, director and head of the department of internal medicine at Medanta Hospital, Gurgaon, said: "In the last 15 days, I have seen about 7-8 cases of Co-

## THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- If one experiences coughing, fever or eye infections, especially if they persist or worsen, one must seek prompt medical attention.
- Individuals should exercise caution, especially in crowded or high-risk environments.
- Wearing of masks, hand hygiene and social distancing remain paramount.
- Annual flu vaccination is must and for patients who have comorbidities, pneumonia vaccination is also suggested.



City reported 54 new cases on Thursday, 63 a day before

- In the last 15 days, Delhi logged 459 cases
- Most cases have been mild
- Symptoms are not

that a few cases with pneumonia-like symptoms have been treated in the OPD and some required hospitalisation.

Dr Shweta Bansal, senior consultant for pulmonology and sleep medicine at Narayana Hospital, said that such infections are seen during "temperature fluctuations in transitional seasons such as Feb-March and Oct-Nov."

"If anyone experiences symptoms such as coughing, fever or eye infection, especially if they persist or worsen, he/she must seek prompt medical attention," she said.

Government hospitals are also reporting Covid positive cases. "At least 11 cases have been reported at Safdarjung Hospital in the last 15 days but most had mild symptoms," doctors said.

RML Hospital has also reported Covid-positive cases in the last two weeks. Seven patients were admitted and three were discharged. Director and medical superintendent Dr Ajay Shukla said that severity of infection is low.

IFS officer from Odisha cadre is new zoo director

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New Delhi: The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has appointed Dr Sanjeet Kumar, an IFS officer of Odisha cadre, as the new director of Delhi Zoo.

He will replace Akanksha Mahajan who had been holding additional charge of the zoo. Mahajan will continue her work as DIG, Central Zoo Authority, an official said.

"I am directed to refer to the govt of Odisha letter dated Jan 19 and to inform that with the approval of the competent authority, Dr Sanjeet Kumar, has been selected for appointment to the post of Director, NZP, New Delhi on tenure deputation basis under the Central Staffing Scheme of this ministry," stated the Feb 28 letter signed by a central govt officer.

The letter stated that the central deputation tenure of the officer will be for five years from the date of joining the post.

Since 2019, National Zoological Park (Delhi zoo) has seen seven directors of which four were given additional charge, with tenure spanning from 10 months to 14 months.



## DMRC's new software to streamline customer grievance management

New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Thursday launched an indigenously developed, custom-made software to streamline and smoothen its customer grievance management mechanism.

The software called 'Public Complaints Management System' (PCMS) will help in real-time monitoring of complaints, tracking and categorizing of the feedback and allotting them to the right officials for quick redressal. Unveiled by DMRC's managing director, Vikas Kumar, at Metro Bhawan, PCMS will help in increasing the speed, accuracy and accessibility of the complaints' management infrastructure.

"The software will generate data that will help DMRC to analyse the nature of complaints that are received and the level of satisfaction of the complainants. This top management of DMRC and the Public Complaints Officer will be able to monitor the status of the complaints on a real-time basis," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC. TNN

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# Mother Of Two At 17 Now A Crusader

Married Off At 12, She Fights Domestic Violence

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**New Delhi:** Forcibly married off at the age of 12 and a mother of two by 17, Maya Devi, now 36 years old, has only one goal: to save daughters in the city from child marriage and to empower slum women to raise their voice against domestic violence. Devi runs an NGO called Naya Samaj that campaigns against child marriage and domestic violence.

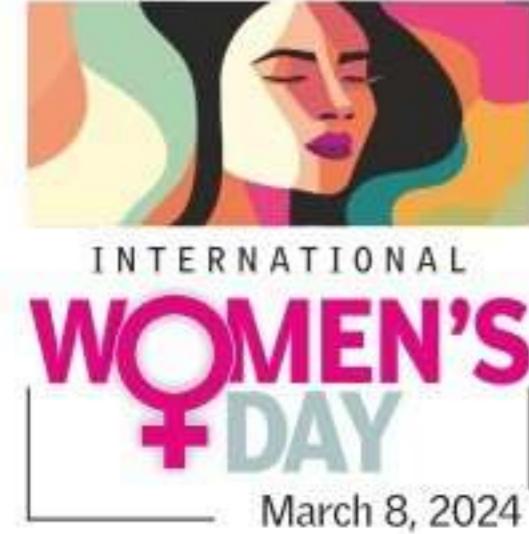
A native of Bihar, Devi's first love was books. "My father had put me in an English medium govt school and I also performed well in class," she said. "But because we were six sisters, my relatives pushed my parents into taking me out of school and getting me married." In 1999, when Maya was 12 years old, she got married, her education terminated at Class IX. Soon she became pregnant. "But I had a miscarriage and my in-laws were disappointed and sent me back to my parents," she said.

Despite pleading with her parents to let her continue schooling, Devi had to return to her husband's house. "By the time I was 17 years old, I had two children, both daughters, because of which I had to suffer domestic violence," she said.

After her traumatic experiences, Maya said, "Jo jhukta hai, samaj usey aur jhukta hai (The vulnerable are further oppressed by society)." She decided to stand up for herself. "My in-laws told me that they would disown me if I went out to work but I did not care about them and looked for employment to be financially independent," she said.



Devi's NGO has stopped six child marriages in Delhi till now and also helped many women victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse



esn't look like a resume but a love letter."

But that decisive step took Devi's life on an upward trajectory. Since then, she has worked in different organisations, including the Setu Foundation and Saksham Foundation. "I had a vision of saving the girl child from marriage." That is how, with the help of some others, she registered Naya Samaj in 2020.

"There is a misconception that child marriages take place only in villages. They happen in big cities too, especially in slums," said Devi, whose NGO has averted six child marriages in Delhi till now and also helped many women victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Devi intends to expand her network. She remarked, "We will all die one day, but some of us will die after doing good work. I want to be that person. I want to reach more and more disadvantaged women in the slums of Delhi."

Devil, who lives near Shabad Dairy in northwest Delhi, made up her mind to approach an NGO office nearby. "I used to see a lot of women working there and wanted to enquire if they had any work for me," she said. The first challenge that came her way was knowing what a resume was. "People told me resumes were information about yourself. So I wrote something on a piece of paper and gave it to my employers. I still remember how, when the recruiters saw the page, they laughed and commented, 'This do-

## Snatching back right to public space: Bravehearts fight off street criminals

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**New Delhi:** In a city notorious for snatch-and-grab incidents, a common refrain is to keep valuables tucked away in purses, bags and pockets. However, for 21-year-old **Kanika Das** and 24-year-old **Sanjana Khwairakpam**, who bravely chased and fought off snatchers, twisting their arms and gripping collars, fear is no longer an option.

"My phone was snatched two years ago and I remember feeling so helpless. But last Nov, there was another attempt. This time, I ensured the snatcher wouldn't be able to escape. How long can these criminals haunt our public spaces?" said Das.



During the second incident, Das swiftly grabbed the suspect's collar, ensuring his fall, and thrashed him before handing him over to the police.

Hailing from West Bengal, Das lives alone in Keshav Puram area and balances work at a retail shop with her pursuit of education.

"I have just finished my board exams and I'm looking for a good college now. I aim to learn proper self-defence. I work, I study. I cannot afford to be afraid in public and neither should anyone," she said with a smile.

Recalling another incident where she was on a bus and

witnessed snatching, Das said she immediately rallied the passengers, leading to the suspect being nabbed on the spot.

"I was surprised to see 70% of the bus passengers witnessing the snatch but staying silent!" Das said, adding, "We need citizen support — scream, shout, make noise." She urged people, especially women, to break their silence and reclaim safe spaces.

Ever since the incidents, Das said she keeps an eye out: "I can do my bit as a citizen, but once you empower yourself in public spaces, you can do anything."

Last year, Khwairakpam, originally from Manipur, moved to Delhi for work. In Nov, when she had spent just two months in the city, two men on a bike snatched her phone in GTB Enclave. Khwairakpam didn't just scream; she chased down the suspects like a crime-fighting sprinter and unleashed a resounding slap on one of them.

"I didn't inform my parents to spare them worry. Instead, I ensured an FIR was filed and the criminals faced justice. I'm proud I helped catch a budding criminal who was also involved in other snatching cases," she said, adding, "Surprisingly, after the incident, I feel more empowered to walk the streets of Delhi."

Khwairakpam said her triumph was also a stance against criminals targeting women who "don't look like natives". The courage of a few seconds, one bold move, one scream can spark a ripple of change, according to both women.

deployment. By the time they return to their post, people are waiting to report their problems. Despite long hours spent on calls, files and criminal tracking systems, SI Sangotra and her colleagues show no sign of fatigue.

"Our patrols are strategic, covering crucial hours when schoolchildren are out in the streets and when traffic peaks. At night, we further ramp up. It's important for everyone to understand that even in

this area, there's reliable security in place," she said.

Anyone — be it children, traders or sex workers — can walk up to them and have "positive interactions". SI Kiran Sethia said the number of FIRs and distress calls have significantly dropped since the post was set up.

"These cops not only investigate harassment, domestic violence, stalking and sexual offences against women, but also provide them protection and raise awareness about various forms of abuse. Additionally, they educate young girls and women on staying safe," said M Harshvardhan, DCP (central).

"Recently, we rescued a five-year-old girl and returned her to her family. In the past few weeks, we have also guided four women towards new career paths. We are trying to build a rapport and do positive policing," SI Sangotra said, adding they handle 10-15



CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED: Tashu, Nisha and Bhumika

advancement in computer work. They have come up with innovative gamifying teaching tactics to make coding learning fun. For example, students play Flexbox Froggy, a game in which one helps Froggy and friends by writing CSS codes.

Ahuja's own journey as a scholarship recipient in Singapore to a computer science graduate in Canada drives her commitment to closing the digital divide in India. "As a woman in technology, it's disheartening to witness the stark digital divide in India," the Go Girl founder said. She noted that basic resources for teaching tech skills, particularly in govt schools, were often inadequate. "The teachers lack knowledge and interest. Computer labs are non-existent or there are just 2-3 functioning machines among the 15-20 computers on display. Our school curriculum is outdated and not technology centric, which is the need of the hour," said Ahuja.

In an era dominated by technology and with the emergence of AI, Ahuja says access to skills in these fields is crucial if the playing field is to be levelled. She says it's about more than just learning to code, it's about equipping children for a world where digital literacy is synonymous with opportunity.

## Sports a way out of life's trials for them

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**Noida:** Sports can be much more than an expression of athletic ability. For Shivani, it's a way to be strong.

"I want to be strong. So strong that no man dares to hit me or my children again," says the 23-year-old, who escaped from her abusive husband and in-laws in Haryana last year and rebuilt her life from scratch in the city.

Shivani was just three when she lost her father. Her mother, who wanted Shivani to join the police and take care of the two of them, got married again two years later. Not accepted by her stepfather's family, Shivani was sent to Noida to live with her aunt.

She was 15 when doctors diagnosed her with reproductive problems and told her family she should get married early to avoid complications. "I wasn't ready for it, but I was forced to get married," says Shivani.

Soon, the abuse began. "My husband used to abuse me daily. One day, he came home drunk and attacked me and my children. That was the moment I decided if I don't escape, we may not survive," she says.

Fear of harm to her four-year-old son and two-year-old daughter gave Shivani the strength to leave her in-laws' house in Rewari and return to Noida, this time in search of a job. She worked as a domestic helper for some time. One day, she came across members of the non-profit, Social & Development Research and Action Group (SADRAG).

"All Shivani needed was an opportunity to work and earn for herself and her children. We catered to this need. We gave her exposure, and she is a changed woman today. With sports as a career, we intend to get her into police services and learn more about self-defense," says Mala Bhandari, founder of SADRAG.

# Mini-police stations, major feats: Thanks to these cops, no running from pillar to post

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**New Delhi:** It is 7am and sub-inspector Neelam Sangotra is out on the road. She is driving around the lanes of GB Road on her pink scooter, occasionally hopping inside the brothels to check if everything is fine. Two of her colleagues, SI Savita and constable Munesh, are on the same drill.

Perched in front of multiple screens, SI Pooja Saini commands a network of two dozen CCTV cameras, navigating files, complaints and calls even as her colleagues patrol the upscale Khan Market area, keeping a hawk-eyed vigil. Members of the patrol team respond to distress calls, control traffic and check encroachment, if and when required.

On Wednesday, the police post intercepted a minor speeding from Lok Nayak Bhawan, seized the vehicle and solved two bike theft cases. "The minor confessed to joyriding and stealing motorcycles, then abandoning them after using up the petrol," Saini said.

These cops are part of the "all-women police posts" at Shradhanand Marg and Khan Market, recently inaugurated by LG V K Saxena. From handling rozonmacha (diary) to attending calls, filing complaints and conducting raids — these cops are effortlessly carrying out their duties at their "mini-police stations".

The posts cover two ends of the spectrum — the one at Khan Market handles crimes in an upscale area, the one at GB Road deals mostly with sex workers and petty criminals, apart from securing small traders of the area.

Cops at both the police posts leave their homes as early as 6am to be present for the roll call by wireless, followed by instructions for duty

## KEEPING YOU SAFE, 24X7

Launched on February 18, 'all-women police post' aims at empowerment in law enforcement. It has set up mini-police stations at Shradhanand Marg and Khan Market



### OBJECTIVE

- Enhancing surveillance and effectiveness of policing, equipped with advanced CCTVs
- Stations operate 24X7, ensuring round-the-clock foot, vehicle and civil patrolling, including picket checking



### KHAN MARKET POST

- Sub-Inspector Puja Saini appointed as the head, supported by nine women officers
- Patrolling line extends from Humayun Road to Khan Market post
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# Court Summons Kejriwal On March 16 After ED Plea

CM Sending 'Frivolous' Replies To Summons, Claims Agency

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New Delhi: A court on Thursday issued summons to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on a fresh plea by Enforcement Directorate (ED), stating that he was "legally bound to comply with the summons" in a money laundering case but "allegedly he failed to do so". Kejriwal has been asked to appear before the court on March 16.

Divya Malhotra, additional chief metropolitan magistrate at Rouse Avenue Courts, summoned Kejriwal for the offence under Section 174 (non-attendance in obedience to an order from a public servant) of Indian Penal Code. "From the contents of the complaint and the material placed on record, prima facie offence under Section 174... is made out and there are suffi-

In its latest plea, ED accused Kejriwal of sending 'frivolous' replies by raising certain objections to the summonses. He also deliberately made one or the other excuse for non-appearance to evade the processes, ED alleged, adding that CM had been avoiding the investigation since Nov 11, 2023

cient grounds for proceeding under Section 204 of Code of Criminal Procedure against accused Arvind Kejriwal," the court said.

Kejriwal has skipped eight summonses issued by ED in the case related to the alleged Delhi Excise Policy scam. ED moved court on March 5 over non-compliance of three summonses on Jan 12 and 31 and Feb 14.

The non-compliance of each of these summonses was termed as a separate offence and clubbed together as per Section 219 of CrPC, the court noted. ED has alleged

Kejriwal has termed the summonses issued to him either as "unsustainable in law" for their failure to disclose the capacity in which he was being called—as a witness or as a suspect—or to be suffering from "legal deficiencies", the agency pointed out. Under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, ED submitted, an investigating officer is not required to disclose the capacity under which a person is being summoned, and at the stage of investigation, it would also be premature on the part of the agency to label the summoned person either as a witness or as an accused.

"In any case, it is the investigating officer who has to carry out the interrogation and not the other way round, which the proposed accused seems to be doing by sending replies and raising queries," the court noted.

The minister added that the institute's students know that their education process was slightly different and was not limited to only books. ITI students need the best equipment in their labs to become skilled, job-ready, market-ready, and industry-ready.

Atishi also met ambassadors of ITIs, who have been appointed to promote skilling and make it aspirational amongst school students. TNN

## Ankit's mother calls for capital punishment for one of accused

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A city court, while handing out life terms to three convicts in the murder of Ankit Saxena, said for pronouncing the death sentence, the crime must fall in the "highest category of rareness", which the present case did not.

The court was hearing the case against Akbar Ali and Shahnaz Begum, parents of Shehzadi, and her maternal uncle Mohammad Salim. Shehzadi was in a relationship with photographer Ankit Saxena, which her family had vehemently opposed.

Special public prosecutors, senior advocate Rebecca Mammen John and Vishal Gosain appeared for Delhi Police.

"The court is not justified in imposing an extreme penalty even if it finds a particular case falling in the category of a rare case. The court has to see whether the case qualifies for the category of an extreme form of rarity. In simple words, for imposing death punishment, a case must fall in the highest category of rareness," the court observed in its 13-page order.

It pointed out that when the crime was committed in 2018, Salim was 43 years old, while Ali and Begum were 40, and the three have been in jail for around six years.

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# Groom stabbed to death night before wedding, dad held

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**New Delhi:** On Wednesday evening, the Singhal residence in south Delhi's Devli Extension was adorned with decorations and buzzing with the celebratory energy of people laughing and dancing to music. Relatives and friends had gathered for Gaurav Singhal's wedding, which was going to take place the following day.

The merriment was soon shattered as the 29-year-old groom was nowhere to be found. Around midnight, after a few hours of a frantic search, the joyous occasion turned into a nightmare as the groom was found brutally murdered, stabbed over a dozen times, at his other residence. Police later arrested his father Rangal Singhal from Jaipur. He claimed his son was "disrespectful".

Gaurav, the owner of a gym, lived with his family near Raju Park in Devli Extension. DCP (south) Ankit Chauhan said they received a PCR call about the incident at 12.30am Thursday.

"Gaurav was attacked with a sharp weapon and taken by his family members to a hospital, where he was declared brought dead," he said.

Deepak, one of his relatives, said Gaurav's pre-wedding rituals were going on. "We were dancing at the party when we suddenly realised that he was missing. We started searching for him in nearby areas," said Deepak.

During the search, they went to Gaurav's other house,

an uninhabited place located near his main residence, and opened the gate. There, they found him lying in a pool of blood.

"Blood was oozing out of his body and there were multiple injuries. After the incident, we found that his father was missing," he said.

According to police, there were marks of dragging on the floor, leading to the flat where Gaurav's body was discovered. Blood was found in one of the spots. "It is suspected the accused dragged him to room and locked it from outside after the attack," a police source said.

Police received information about the robbery incident at 9.30pm. "The victim, a Khajuri Khas resident, complained of being robbed of a bag containing Rs 50 lakh while returning home on his scooter from Chandni Chowk. Two assailants on a motorcycle intercepted him near the Monastery Market," said Manoj Meena, DCP (north).

During investigation, two suspects were identified, and raids were conducted leading to their arrest in Shahbad Daryya, the DCP said.

Another relative said Gaurav had become engaged on March 3 and his wedding procession was scheduled to move to Kakrola. A DJ had been playing music at his house and the atmosphere on the day of the party was lively and joyous.

"The search for Gaurav began between 9pm and 10pm. The lights in the other building, where his body was found, had been switched off. It was a newly-built, vacant building where no one lived," the relative said.

A senior officer said Gaurav may have been stabbed by a scissor. During investigation, police conducted raids in several places and nabbed his father Rangal from Jaipur.

"He told us that he and his son were estranged and that he used to disrespect him in front of people. At least three-four people are suspected to be involved," the officer said, adding Rangal's testimony will be verified.

## Interstate gang busted, police solve ₹50 lakh robbery case

**New Delhi:** With the arrest of five people, an interstate gang behind the Rs 50 lakh robbery in North Delhi's Civil Lines area has been busted, police said on Thursday.

The suspects Monika (29), Rahul (27), Karan (21), Ajay (25) and Gaurav were nabbed in connection with Feb 9 robbery near the loop of ISBT flyover; a senior police officer said.

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# NCLAT Allows Suraksha Group To Start Work At Jaypee Wish Town

Tells Suraksha, Yamuna E-Way Authority To Settle Differences By Next Hearing

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**Noida:** The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has allowed Suraksha Group to start construction at Jaypee Wish Town, where more than 20,000 homebuyers have been waiting for their flats for more than a decade.

The tribunal also directed Suraksha and the Yamuna Expressway Authority (YXPA) to settle their differences and reach consensus by the next date of hearing, failing which, it said, it will pass an order on the merit of the case.

The judgment indicates that the long corporate insol-

vency resolution process for Jaypee Infratech Ltd, which began in 2017, will soon reach a conclusion, allowing homebuyers and Suraksha to focus on completion timelines.

Suraksha — which took over the stalled projects of JIL in March last year after a vote in favour of it by the committee of creditors — has prepared a resolution plan to start construction at Wish Town. It has laid down a few conditions, a decision on which is yet to be taken by UP govt. In the absence of this consensus, no construction has taken place despite the takeover.

"Even if by the next date, no



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cord, Appeal shall proceed to be heard on merit. We also make it clear that it shall be open for the successful resolution applicant (Suraksha) to proceed and continue to implement the plan and the construction," read Tuesday's order by Justice Ashok Bhushan,

the NCLAT chairperson, and members Barun Mitra and Arun Baroora. The next hearing is scheduled for April 18.

YXPA representatives said govt would soon be ready with a cabinet note on terms of Suraksha's resolution plan.

When the homebuyers' counsel pointed out that no work had been initiated on the ground though there was no order against it, the tribunal gave the green signal. It also asked the implementation and monitoring committee — comprising the insolvency resolution professional (IRP), Suraksha managing director and representatives of buyers and lenders — to file in two weeks a status report.

In March last year, the National Company Law Tribunal had allowed Suraksha to take over JIL's stalled projects. But YXPA, which has administrative control over the land, challenged the order at the appellate tribunal. In July 2023, Suraksha placed some key conditions before YXPA. A couple of months later, the YXPA board accepted the conditions after Suraksha agreed to pay the additional compensation to the farmers, but in phases. The company also came up with a revised resolution plan, which was forwarded to UP govt. A decision on this is awaited.

## Ration card is for essential items, not address proof: HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A ration card cannot be considered the proof of address as it is issued exclusively for obtaining essential commodities under the public distribution system, Delhi High Court has said.

The bench of Justice Chandrabhar Singh was giving an order on some petitions by erstwhile residents of Kathputli Colony who were seeking alternative accommodation under the rehabilitation scheme following the redevelopment of the area.

The court held that the requirement of a ration card as a mandatory document to claim benefit under the scheme was arbitrary and illegal. "As per the definition of the ration card, the intent of issuing the same is that it aims to distribute the essential food items by way of the fair price shops. Therefore, it does not amount to becoming an identity proof of residence for any ration card holder," the court said.

It pointed out that the "aim of the ration card is to ensure that the citizens of this country are provided foodgrains at a reasonable price. Hence, it is not a reliable source of proof of address since the scope

is limited to distribution of food items by way of the public distribution system", while blaming authorities for insisting on ration cards for address proof.

The petitioners contended that authorities breached their trust and played fraud on Kathputli Colony slumlodwers by suddenly changing the eligibility criteria in 2015 after the demolition of the entire colony as they wrongly mandated the requirement of a separate ration card for the first-floor dwellers of the slum.

Remarking that authorities should have "introspected" into the intent and motive behind the issuance of the ration cards as well as the harassment and pain caused to the petitioners, the court stated: "The requirement of a ration card as a mandatory document to be produced... as a proof to claim that first floor of the jhuggi as a separate dwelling unit is arbitrary and illegal."

The court directed authorities to allocate an alternative dwelling unit in favour of the petitioners, subject to the condition that they produce other relevant documents according to the Delhi Slum & JJ Rehabilitation and Relocation Policy, 2015, and meet necessary requirements.

## 'Mere acquittal in cruelty case no ground for divorce'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

### HIGH COURT BENCH SAYS

We, in the light of the blatant conduct of the appellant (husband) in showing scant regard to his matrimonial relationship, are compelled to observe that granting divorce would be adding a premium to the wrong acts of the appellant

The couple have two children and started living separately in 1994. The husband claimed that his wife was disrespectful and had refused to take care of him and even assaulted him physically. He alleged that his wife's conduct had shattered his peace of mind and he was compelled to do all the household work, including taking care of the children, and sought divorce citing cruelty.

However, the woman alleged that her husband was involved in an illicit relationship with a much younger woman and when she came to know about it in 1993, differences cropped up between them.

The woman filed an FIR against her husband and his family under IPC Sections 498A (cruelty) and 406 (criminal breach of trust). The man's family was discharged in the case at the stage of framing of charges. He was acquitted in 2013.

## MCD nod for construction of 3 multi-level car parking lots

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### MAYOR SAYS

We carried out a survey of our surface parking lots at Rani Bagh and Shastri Park recently. Once the multi-level facilities are developed at these sites, the parking space will increase by three-four times

mented for various reasons.

"In 2021 again, we called tender for constructing a parking lot on the PPP basis at Shastri Park. But despite calling tender many times, there was no response. Now we have decided to implement the project from the escrow account funds meant for development of parking space. The Shastri Park parking will have a five-storey structure," said a civic official.

At Rajendra Nagar, MCD has plans to construct a four-storey structure with three basements. At Rani Bagh, which happens to be an unauthorised regularised colony comprising a big market and a densely populated residential area, the parking lot will also have a four-storey structure with three basements.

"MCD has a plot measuring 3,950 sq m at Rani Bagh where an authorised surface parking is operational, where the multi-level facility will be constructed," said the official. "The detailed drawing of the project has been checked by the planning department, following which the finance department has approved it. For administrative approval and expenditure sanction, we will get the nod from the House on Thursday," he added.

Meanwhile, MCD's House

## ₹4.8 crore allocated for infrastructure upgrade at Ambedkar Stadium

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meeting on Thursday ended within 20 minutes without any discussion on the agendas. Oberoi said later that out of the 29 proposals, 21 were approved in the meeting. "We aim to accomplish all the work that BJP could not achieve during its 15-year tenure," she said.

The mayor said MCD under AAP had also made special provisions in the budget for sanitation and construction of roads. "But BJP councillors, despite being the elected representative of the public, are doing nothing," she alleged.

The leader of the House, Mukesh Goyal, said even after a year, BJP refused to allow the House meeting to proceed and created ruckus every time.

Leader of opposition Raja Iqbal Singh alleged that the mayor was intentionally coming late in every session. "The House meeting was scheduled to start at 2pm, but she arrived at 2.45pm, indicating that they themselves didn't want to run the session. They knew if they arrived late, the councillors would question them and there would be chaos. They also don't pay heed to our demands," the BJP councillor claimed.

## Safety first: Irani announces grant from Nirbhaya Fund for women's hostels in DU

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**New Delhi:** Interacting with around 5,000 girl students of Delhi University on the eve of International Women's Day, Union minister for women and child development Smriti Irani acceded to their demand and assured a grant from Nirbhaya Fund for women's hostels in DU.

Irani, who emphasised on "Vikas Bharat, empowered women", was attending a DU event, Vikas Bharat — Nari Shakti Conclave, in the university's Multipurpose Hall on Thursday.

DU had asked its colleges to mandatorily register their woman faculty members on the Narendra Modi (NaMo) app for the event. Some colleges even asked their students to register on the app.

The deputy registrar (colleges) stated in an email on Tuesday, "The principals/di-



Union minister Smriti Irani addresses Nari Shakti Conclave at DU

rectors of the colleges/institutions must mandatorily register all the female faculty of their college/institution on their NaMo app."

Many colleges such as Kirori Mal, Kalindi College and Bhaginiv Nivedita had asked students to register on the app. Kalindi College principal Meena Charanda said, "The registration was only for the university to make arrange-

ments for the event. It was not compulsory for students to attend the event."

In an open letter on Thursday, the students' union of St Stephens College alleged, "Endorsing the event and using official machinery to incentivise students must be seen as a deliberate move aimed at influencing newly eligible voters."

Some teachers described the event as an overt "election

campaign" and mandatory registration as coercion. "It is a clear violation of the right to privacy as anyone interested in attending the event was not allowed to do so anonymously," a student alleged.

A poster at Kalindi College stated the registration on the app was mandatory and only the students registering on it would get "merchandise, refreshments and certificates".

DU registrar Vikas Gupta, however, claimed the attendance was voluntary. "As far as students' registration on the app is concerned, everybody got refreshments regardless of their registration. Besides, NaMo is an important app as Prime Minister Modiji is open to ideas from students, and through the app, they can indirectly connect with him," Gupta said. The NaMo app keeps people updated about the initiatives and achievements of current central govt.

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### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 22nd February, 2024

**S.O. 826(E).**—Whereas, by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Railways, number S.O. 3902(E), dated the 04th, September 2023 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), dated 04th, September 2023 and issued under sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for the purpose of execution, maintenance, management and operation of the Special Railway Project, namely, Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project in the district Gurugram, in the State of Haryana;

And whereas, the substance of the said notification has been published in the daily local newspapers, namely, "Times of India" dated the 09th, September, 2023, and "Danik Jagran" dated the 09th, September, 2023 under sub-section (4) of section 20A of the said Act;

And whereas, 01 objection has been received & the same was considered & resolved as per rule by the Competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 20E of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the report of the Competent Authority, and in the exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20E of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the Schedule annexed hereto shall be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 20E of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the Schedule annexed hereto shall vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances.

### SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, for the Special Railway Project, namely, Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project in the district Gurugram, in the State of Haryana visit the following web site link or scan the QR code



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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
 City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia  
 Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657  
 Tel. No. 0323-2345-3224  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
**NIT No.: 23/HDA/EC/ELECT/2023-2024**  
 Online (e-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for "Restoration of LED street lighting system including supply and laying of LT power cable, cable laying through micro tunneling method through HDPE pipe, etc. from Srirampur Bridge to Hoglabari BDO Office more at Moyna Bazar area. Tender amount: Rs. 20,76,231/- Dated 09/03/2024 upto 23/03/2024 at 10.30 A.M. Last date for bid submission : 23.03.2024 upto 2:30 PM. Information in details is available in the office and website of HDA : [www.hda.gov.in](http://www.hda.gov.in). E-Tender can also be submitted through [www.wbtenders.gov.in](https://wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA.  
 ICA-T6246(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**WRI & DD-E-NIT**  
 Executive Engineer(A-I), Balurhat(A-I) Division, WRDD invites e-tenders for Renovation, Redrilling and Installation of WTA etc of 5(five) nos. pump house under NRCORESTOR Programme, vide e-NIT No. WRDD/EE/B/LGAI / CORE/ 10/2023-24/3<sup>RD</sup> CALLLSL 1 to 5of the Executive Engineer (A.I) Balurhat (A.I) Division, Balurhat, Dakshin Dinajpur. Tender ID's with Estimated amount put to tender as below:  
 2024 WRDD 679131 10Rs 181025.67  
 2024 WRDD 679156 10Rs 1828135.21  
 2024 WRDD 679250 10Rs 1886076.27  
 2024 WRDD 679264 10Rs 1372641.22  
 2024 WRDD 679292 10Rs 2783019.95  
 Last date of dropping is 19/03/2024 up to 12.00 AM. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website <http://wbtenders.gov.in> for details.  
 Executive Engineer (A-I),Balurhat(A-I) Division  
 ICA-T6163(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD (GOVT OF WB)**  
 SEK/PWD/PWDF invites online NIE--Laying of new pipe line along with sump pit and repairing, surfacing by bituminous work at affected compound road portion other ancillary works related to ETP project during the year 2023-2024.  
 Estimated Amount: Rs. 1,27,43,785/-  
 e-NIT No. WBPWD/ SE/ KHC/ NIT/18/2023-2024  
 Tender ID:- 2024\_WBPWD\_679507\_1  
 Bid Submission Start Date (online): 12/03/2024 at 2.00 P.M.  
 Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 01/04/2024 at 2.00 P.M.,  
 Corrigendum if any will be published in website only Details of N.I.T and Tender documents may be downloaded from <http://wbtenders.gov.in>.  
 Sd/-  
 Superintendent Engineer, P.W.Dte,  
 kolkata Health Circle  
 ICA-T6280(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
 The Executive Engineer, Malda Highway Division, P.W.D. Directorate invites online percentage rate e-tender for three nos. works under NIT No. 08e of 2023-24 1. Line Road from Haldiakhali-Bardham Road, Patch repairing work from 0.00 km to 0.12 km, 0.27 km to 1.03 km, 1.3 km to 1.55 km & 2.00 km to 2.70 km (in stretches)...Rs. 8,13,179.00. 2. Construction of Hume Pipe Culvert Ch. 100 kmpf of Malda-Bardham Road. Tender ID: 2024\_SH\_679099\_2. 3. Kalachak to Golapganj Road patch repairing work from 1.50 Km to 3.70 Km, 4.30 Km to 5.50 Km & 5.90 Km to 9.00 Km (in stretches)...Rs. 16,22,822.00. Tender ID: 2024\_SH\_679099\_1. 2. Construction of P.C.C. road with mastic asphalt at worn out road under Bolpur Municipality, PS- Bolpur, Dist. Birbhum. Estimated cost for work: Rs. 6,02,355.00. 3. Tend...Tender ID: 2024\_SH\_679099\_2. 3. Kalachak to Golapganj Road patch repairing work from 1.50 Km to 3.70 Km, 4.30 Km to 5.50 Km & 5.90 Km to 9.00 Km (in stretches)...Rs. 16,22,822.00. 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## MCD orders release of ₹15 crore per month for payment of arrears to pensioners

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has ordered to release Rs 15 crore every month for payment of pending arrears of pensioners.

"Competent authority as per order dated Feb 29 is pleased to allow the release of Rs 15 crore every month on account of 7th Central Pay Commission arrear of pensioners. This is in accordance with

the Delhi High Court judgment in the matter Nagar Nigam Sewa Nirvit Karamchari Kalyan Samiti and others Vs commissioner, MCD. The first amount of Rs 15 crore will be considered as first instalment of arrear for pensioners," stated the March 6 order.

Mayor Shelly Oberoi stated that the civic body was making all efforts to stre-

ngthen the payment of salaries. AAP-led MCD has made a budgetary provision for the payment of salaries to its employees in 2024-25, she added.

Meanwhile, leader of opposition Raja Iqbal Singh said that under the AAP rule, MCD has been unsuccessful in getting any grants, generating additional revenue etc to improve its financial crunch. TNN



## READY TO SET SAIL WITH PRIDE?



**Indian Navy invites applications from unmarried men and women candidates for grant of Short Service Commission in the following Branch/Cadre**

Branch/ Cadre	Vacancies*	Gender
General Service [GS (X)]	50	Men and Women (maximum of 15 vacancies for women)
Pilot	20	Men and Women (maximum of 06 vacancies for women)
Naval Air Operations Officer (NAOO)	18	Men and Women (maximum of 05 vacancies for women)
Air Traffic Controller (ATC)	08	Men and Women
Logistics	30	Men and Women (maximum of 09 vacancies for women)
Naval Armament Inspectorate Cadre (NAIC)	10	Men and Women
Education	18	Men and Women
Engineering (General Service)	30	Men and Women (maximum of 09 vacancies for women)
Electrical (General Service)	50	Men and Women (maximum of 15 vacancies for women)
Naval Constructor	20	Men and Women

\*These vacancies are tentative and may be changed depending on availability of training slots

- Candidates will be inducted in the rank of Sub Lieutenant
- Course will commence January 2025 onwards at Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala

Last Date for Submission of Online Application  
**10 MARCH 2024**

For eligibility criteria and specific details for the batch, visit [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in) and Employment News dated 24 Feb 2024

## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

### FOOD & SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

#### DIRECTORATE OF DDP&S

##### Indicative advertisement for FPS(Ration) Dealership

Applications are invited from eligible applicants for filling up the following vacancies of Fair Price Shop Dealers on the terms and conditions mentioned in the respective notifications duly published in the Official Website (<https://food.wb.gov.in>) of the Food & Supplies Department, West Bengal:

Sl. No	Notification No. and Date	District	Sub-Division	Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation	GP/Ward No.	Location of vacancy
1	932/SCF(M)/2023 Date : 19.09.2023	Malda	Malda Sadar	Old Malda (M)	11	Mouza-Samundai,Sarada Colony,Sarada Colony Radha Gobinda Mandir
2	132/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date : 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Phansidewa	Chathat-Bangsaon	Mouza: Purva Bangsaon, Bandarjhuli, Murikhawa Jame Masjid
3	133/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date : 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.07, 08, 09	Mouza :Siliguri Madhya Paschim, M.R. Road, Khalpara, Near Shankar Stores More
4	134/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date : 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.-16	Mouza: Siliguri Purbo, Haren Mukherjee Road, Hakimpura, Near G.T.S Club
5	135/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date : 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No. 01, 02, 03	Mouza: Ghokma, Pradhan Naga, Near Hotel Heritage
6	202/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date : 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Champasari	Mouza: Karabari, Near Karabari Jote Primary School
7	203/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date : 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Patharghata	Mouza:BaraGharia, Near Baragharia Law College
8	204/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date : 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Matigara-II	Mouza: Mathapari, Parimal Nagar Sporting Club
9	205/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date : 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Matigara-II	Mouza: Tomba, Khola Bhakti S.S.K
10	206/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date : 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.-046	Mouza: Mandalaguri, Near Tea Auction Office ( Endeavour Global)
11	207/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date : 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.-004	Mouza: Siliguri Madhya Paschim, Adarsha Nagar Colony, Near Adarsha Nagar Sporting Club
12	208/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date : 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.-009	Mouza: Siliguri Madhya Paschim,Near ArogyaNiketan Nursing Home,Khalpara

Applications in prescribed proforma (Form C) along with other requisite documents and receipt of deposition of application fee of Rs. 1,000/- should be submitted to the office of the concerned Sub-Divisional Controller(F&S) or by online through the official website (<https://food.wb.gov.in>) within 45 days from today.

For details please visit official website of the Department (<https://food.wb.gov.in>) or contact the office of the concerned Sub-Divisional Controller (F&S).



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- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



## Empowerment Through Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana & ADIP Scheme

### Distribution of Assistive Devices to Senior Citizens and Divyangjan Under RVY & ADIP Scheme

For Senior Citizens of BPL category or having monthly income not more than **15000/-**

Facility of registration is also available for new beneficiaries at the camp

Total cost being borne by the Government of India

Date	Place	Time
08.03.2024	Shree Ram Rangmanch, Kota	
09.03.2024	Divine Public School, Maruti Nagar Kharibabad, District Kota	11:00 AM
10.03.2024	Kashipuri Hindu Dharamshala Ground, Sangrod, District Kota	
11.03.2024	Krishi Upaj Mandi, Keshavpura Patan, District Bundi	10:00 AM
	Purani Krishi Upaj Mandi, Bundi	12:00 PM

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### Transforming Lives of Senior Citizens

Free distribution of assistive devices at the camp to **5700** identified beneficiaries

Distribution of **20476** devices under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana and ADIP Scheme

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Office of The Superintending Engineer (O&M) Circle, Khargone, Telephone No. : 07282-234153  
E-mail ID : [mpsebkhargone@gmail.com](mailto:mpsebkhargone@gmail.com)  
No. SE/O&M/Pur/23-24/NIT-KGN/002/188 Khargone, Dtd : 07.03.2024

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Online-tender is invited for services as per tender specification given below:-

T.S.	Particulars	Tender Value (Approx. In Cr.)	Last Date of Online Submission of bid	Due Date of online bid opening
KGN/002	Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Miscellaneous works in the O&M, Circle khargone MPKVVCL, Khargone	58.38	28.03.2024 Up to 15:00 Hrs.	01.04.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.

Note :- Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 19 March on 12 noon at CE IR Office Pologrom, Indore.

For further information visit our Web-site <https://www.mppwz.co.in> or <https://www.mptenders.gov.in>

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No. SE/DC/O&M/DWS/NIT-02/1446 Dewas, Dated : 07.03.2024

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Online tender is invited for services as per tender specification given below:-

TS No.	Particulars	Tender Value (Approx. In Cr.)	Last Date of Online Submission of bid	Due Date of online bid opening
01	Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Miscellaneous Works in the O&M, Circle, Dewas of MPKVVCW, Dewas.	61.56	28.03.2024 Up to 15:00 Hrs.	01.04.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.

Note :- Pre-Bid meeting Will be held at the Meeting Hall, Jyoti Nagar Campus MPKVVCW, Ujjain on 18.03.2024 from 03:00 PM onwards.

For further information visit our website <http://www.mppwz.co.in> or portal <https://www.mptenders.gov.in>

S.E. (O&M)

**PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE**  
EE, PWD, Darjeeling Electrical Division invites e-tender for the work of "Arrangement of temporary electrical installation works at Tarak Nath Sindurbala Balika Vidyalaya, Kharibari under Kharibari PS in the District of Darjeeling for accommodation of CAPF Corp in connection with Parliamentary Election, 2024 for 90 days.

Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_679577\_1  
Bid Submission start date (Online): 05.03.2024 at 09:00 AM.  
Bid Submission closing date (Online): 09.03.2024 at 12:00 PM.

Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.

Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in).

Sd/- K. Sahu  
Executive Engineer, PWD  
Darjeeling Electrical Division  
ICA- T6289(2)/2024

Note :- Pre-Bid meeting Will be held at the Meeting Hall, Jyoti Nagar Campus MPKVVCW, Ujjain on 18.03.2024 from 03:00 PM onwards.

**CAD-4830**

**ODISHA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED  
(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)**  
**SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR - 751002.**  
Tel - MD 0674-2340573, E-mail: [mdossc@ctd456@gmail.com](mailto:mdossc@ctd456@gmail.com)  
NIT No. OSSC/ Mktg (Hort)- 82/2024

**Short e-Tender Call Notice for Procurement of Black Pepper Rooted Cutting for Kharif - 2024**

OSCC Ltd. invites e-Tender only from Registered Nursery Owner (and in case of GOI PSUs, their authorized Agencies) on item wise rate contract basis for **Procurement of Black Pepper Rooted Cutting for Kharif-2024** in double cover system through online mode only for the work below:

Name of the work	Purchase of Black Pepper Rooted Cutting for Kharif-2024
No of work	One
Availability of bid documents in portal	15.00 hours on dt. 11.03.2024 to 17.00hrs of dt. 20.03.2024
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17.00 hrs of dt.20.03.2024
Date and time opening of Bid	10.30 hrs of dt.21.03.2024

The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in). Any addendum/ corrigendum/cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-  
Managing Director  
OSSC Ltd.  
OIPR-01106/11/023/24

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**Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.**

Govt. of Bihar  
Register office: बीरचंद पेटल पथ / Beercand Patel Path, Patna- 800 001  
दूरभाष / Phone : +91-612-2222622 फैक्स नं. / Fax No.: 0612-2506218  
CIN: U63040BR1980SC001486 web: [www.bstdc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.bstdc.bihar.gov.in) E-mail: [contactbstdc@gmail.com](mailto:contactbstdc@gmail.com)  
File No. 96/Engg/2023/376/engg/24 Office of the Executive Engineer

North Bihar  
BSTDCL, Govt. of Bihar

**RE-TENDER NO. 53/E-TENDER/ BSTDCL / SBD/2023-24**  
(Only through e-tendering system on website ([www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in))

(1) Tender is invited from the eligible experienced contractor registered in State P.W.D./ Central Govt./PSU or any other Specialized Agency of National or International Repute for Construction of Development of Purnaura Dham Temple at Sitamarhi on EPC (Engineering Procurement and Construction) basis.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in Lakhs)	Earnest Money (in Lakhs)	Cost of BOQ (in Rs.)	Bid Processing Fee (Non Refundable) (Rs.)	Time of completion of work
1	DEVELOPMENT OF PUNAURA DHAM TEMPLE AT STAMARHI.	Rs. 60.15 (Rupees Sixty Seven crore Thirty Nine lakh Fifteen Thousand) Only	Rs. 77.40 (Rupees Eighty Seven lakh Forty Thousand) only	10,000.00 (Non refundable)	5,900.00 (to be paid online)	24 Months

**Important Dates:**

- 1. Date of Issue of : Date - 06.03.2024
- 2. Date of Uploading Document : Date - 15.03.2024 15.00 HRS
- 3. Last Date of Receiving Queries : Date - 19.03.2024,14.00 HRS
- 4. Pre-Bid Meeting : only date - 19.03.2024,15.00 HRS Place:- Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd, Patna - 800001
- 5. Authority Response of Queries Latest by : Date - 21.03.2024
- 6. Period of Sale of Bid Document : Date - From 15.03.2024,10.00 HRS To 03.04.2024,15.00 HRS Through: official portal of (<http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>) only
- 7. Last Date of Bid Submission : Date - 04.04.2024 up to 15.00 HRS Through: official portal of (<http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>) only
- 8. Physically Submission of Bid Security/ POA etc. : Date - 05.04.2024 up to 15.30 HRS Through: official portal of (<http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>) only
- 9. Time and Date of Opening Technical Bid (RFP) : Date - 05.04.2024 up to 15.30 HRS Through: official portal of (<http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>) only
- 10. Time and Date of Opening Financial Bid : To be notified Through: official portal of (<http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>) only
- 11. Detailed T&B and other terms & conditions can be seen on [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in).

For any Query, Executive Engineer, Er. Mahendra Kumar Singh, Mobile No. 7765954270 / Assistant Engineer, Er. Sanjay Kumar, Mobile No. 09199307755 may be contacted.

For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

Executive Engineer  
BSTDCL, Patna.

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**Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.**  
(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)  
Beltron Bhawan, Shastry Nagar, Patna-800023,  
Telephone No. 0612-2281242 Tele Fax No. 0612-2281857  
CIN No.-U31900BR1978SGC001317

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Notice No.: 1302/2024 Date: 07/03/2024

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- Application processing fees :- INR 2000/- per application to be paid Online.

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PR. No. 019246 (B & C) 2023-24 Managing Director

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**Govt. of Bihar**

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
(A GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR UNDERTAKING)

First Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800 004  
E-mail: md@idabihar.com, Website: [www.idabihar.com](http://www.idabihar.com),  
Phone: 0612-2675933, 2675935, Fax-2675934

#### SHORT NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER No. 35/TEN/IDA/24 (Through e-procurement mode on [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in))

Infrastructure Development Authority (A Government of Bihar Undertaking) invites e-tender on behalf of BIADA from eligible and qualified bidders to submit Technical & Financial Bids electronically through e-procurement website [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) for the (Re-Tender) Selection of Agency to Operate, Maintain & Manage the Integrated Export Pack House for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at Bihta, Patna, Bihar.

**Details of Work:**

The applicant is required to provide Operations & Maintenance of Integrated Export Pack House and Other Allied Services for 07 (Seven) years as mentioned below:

- PLC Control Cool Room: 10 MT x 4 Nos.= 40 MT
- PLC Control Pre-Cooling Unit: 10 MT x 1 No.= 10 MT
- PLC Control Ripening Chamber: 5 MT x 4 Nos.= 20 MT
- Sorting, Grading and Washing Line for Fruits and Vegetables (1 No.): 1Ton/Hr.
- Weighing and Packing Line (1No.): 1Ton/Hr.
- Vapour Heat Treatment Unit (1No.): 1.5Ton/Batch
- Hot Water Immersion Treatment Unit (1No.): 0.5 Ton/Batch
- Evaporator & Condensing Unit for Temperature Control inside the Pack House (12 Nos.): 12 KW Cooling
- Other Allied Services.

#### TENDER DETAILS:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details
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1 Start Date & Time for Downloading of Tender Document From 14.03.2024 to 22.03.2024 on [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

2 Last Date for Submission of Queries Date 16.03.2024 e-mail: md@idabihar.com

3 Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting at Meeting Room/Through VC Date 18.03.2024 at 15.00 Hrs.

4 Response of Pre-Bid Queries To be uploaded on website [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) on Date 19.03.2024

5 Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender 23.03.2024 at 17.00 Hrs. on the website [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

6 Last Date, Time and Place for Submission of Original Instrument of EMD and Receipt of BOQ cost In the office of Executive Engineer (Tech.-HQ) Infrastructure Development Authority (IDA), First Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna 25.03.2024 at 17.00 Hrs.

7 Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid Date 25.03.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. On the website [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

8 Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid To be notified later

9 Bid Validity 180 days

**NOTE:** Subsequent information/notification/corrigendum will be available only on website of EPROC and/or IDA i.e., [https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and/or [www.idabihar.com](http://www.idabihar.com)

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Executive Engineer (Tech- HQ)

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अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

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- महसूसीर्प तिवारियों-
- i. विवाहान निर्गत करने की तिथि दिनांक- 07.03.2024
- ii. निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय दिनांक- 02.04.2024 समय 05:00 बजे अपराह्न तक (सिर्फ वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर)
- iii. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय दिनांक- 03.04.2024 समय 03:00 बजे अपराह्न (सिर्फ वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर)
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- v. निविदा की वैद्यता अवधि 120 दिन

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**निदेशक,**  
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**बिहार, पटना**

PR. No. 019298 (I&PRD) 2023-24  
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**CAD-1503**

#### NOTICE INVITING BID Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)

In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar -751 001 Date: 06.03.2024

Notification No.: 1650 Date: 06.03.2024

Tel. : (0674) 2380950, Website : [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) , Email : [drugs-osmcl@gov.in](mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in)

Bid Ref. No.: OSMCL/2024-25/DRUGS-DHS-ACD-GR-II/02 Date: 07/03/2024

Online Bids through e-Tender portal ([https://tendersodisha.gov.in](http://tendersodisha.gov.in)) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Surgical, Suture & Other Items as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1.	Date & time of release of bid	07/03/2024, 3 PM



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यानि जो समाज की आखिरी पंक्ति में हैं, उनका उदय।  
21वीं सदी का भारत इसी विचार से प्रेरणा लेते हुए अंत्योदय के लिए काम कर रहा है।  
जो विकास के आखिरी पायदान पर है, उसे विकास के पहले पायदान  
पर लाने के लिए काम हो रहा है।”

- नरेन्द्र मोदी

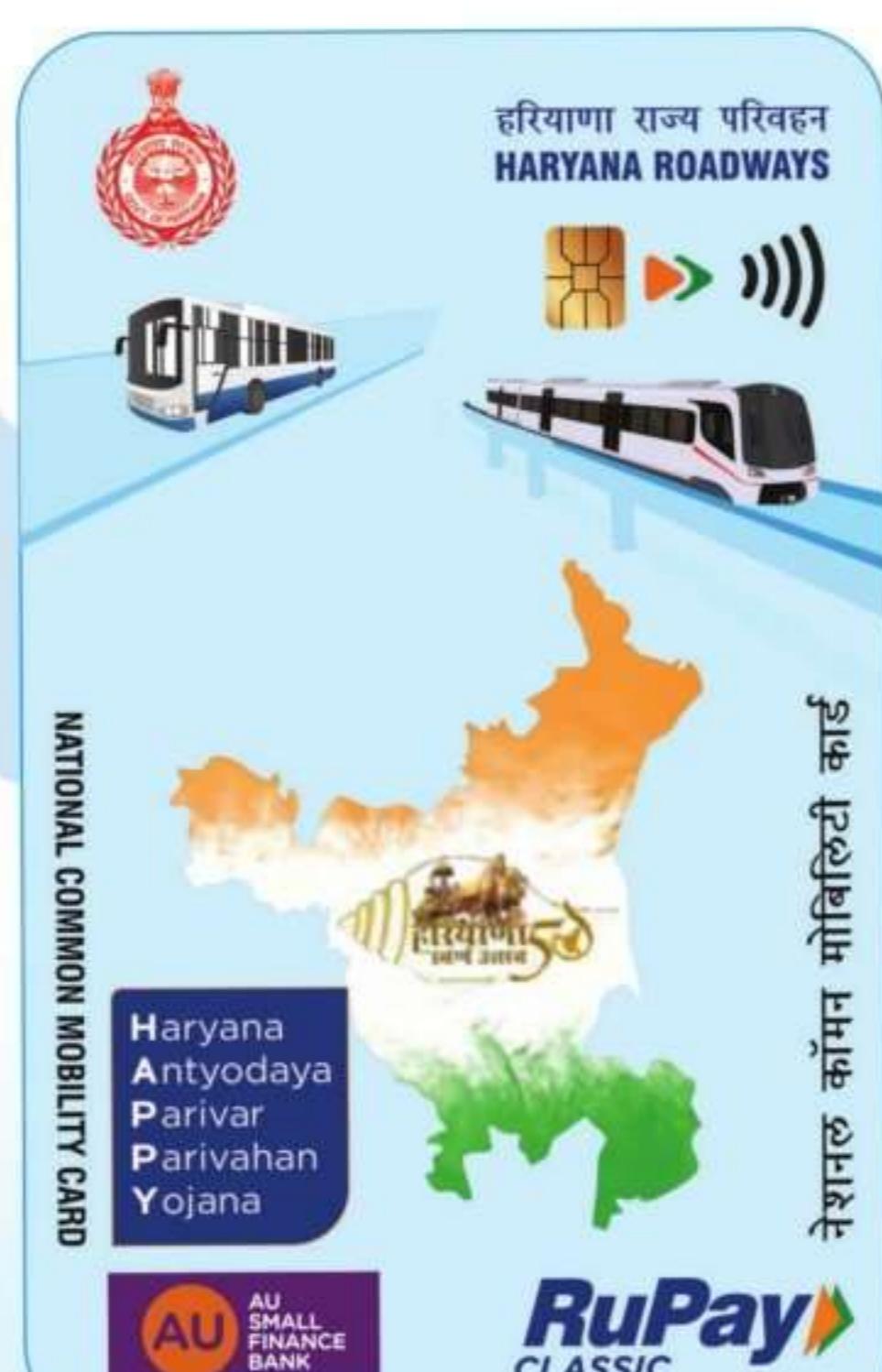


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JAPAN A NATURAL PARTNER IN INDIA'S QUEST FOR PEACEFUL, STABLE INDO-PACIFIC: JAISHANKAR



## CBI busts Russia jobs racket, search on in Delhi, Mum

'35 Sent To Ukraine Front Traced So Far'

Rajshekhar Jha  
@timesgroup.com

**New Delhi:** Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has busted a major international human trafficking network involved in sending Indian youths to the Russia-Ukraine war zone by luring them with lucrative job offers.

CBI is probing recruitment agencies, including a prominent one in Delhi, besides those in Dubai, Mumbai and Chandigarh, and is carrying out raids across multiple locations. The action comes in the aftermath of death of two Indians on Russia's border with Ukraine, who were promised decent jobs in Russia only to end up fighting for Red Army.

A CBI officer told TOI that the trafficked Indian nationals were trained in combat roles and deployed at "front bases" in the Russia-Ukraine war zone against their wishes. Some of them also got grievously injured. Thirty-five such men have been identified till now, sources said.

The probe found that the networks lured Indian nationals on the pretext of highly-paid jobs through social media channels like YouTube and Instagram, besides local agents.

Those in CBI's net are Suyash Mukut, director of 24x7 RAS Overseas Foundation at KG Marg in Delhi; Rakesh Pandey, director of OSD Bros Travels & Visa Services Pvt Ltd in Mumbai; Manjeet Singh, director of Adventure Visa Services Pvt Ltd, Chandigarh; and Faisal Ab-

**₹820cr 'suspicious' UCO Bank transfers draw CBI's glare**

**C**BI Wednesday conducted searches at 67 locations in seven cities across Rajasthan and Maharashtra in connection with suspicious transactions of Rs 820 crore from UCO Bank branches, reports Rajshekhar Jha. The transactions were conducted using the immediate payment service (IMPS) mode, officials said.

CBI had filed an FIR in Nov last year based on a complaint received from UCO Bank. It was alleged that in a span of three days, IMPS transactions initiated from around 14,600 account holders of seven private banks were wrongfully posted in the accounts of over 41,000 UCO Bank account holders, "CBI spokesperson RC Joshi said. This, officials said, resulted in Rs 820 crore being credited to UCO Bank accounts without actual debiting from the originating banks.

dul Mutual Khan alias Baba, director of Baba Vlogs Overseas Recruitment Solutions Pvt Ltd, Dubai. They have been listed as accused in the agency's FIR. CBI was in the process of initiating arrest procedures late on Thursday.

Based on inputs from sources, CBI filed an FIR on March 6 naming private visa consultancy firms and agents found engaged in trafficking and launched an operation closely monitored by agency chief Praveen Sood. CBI teams then conducted simultaneous searches at 13 locations in Delhi, Thiruvananthapuram, Mumbai, Ambala, Chandigarh, Madurai and Chennai between Wednesday and Thursday.

**Trade deal with 4 European nations before LS elections**

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**New Delhi:** Commerce ministry will give the finishing touches to a trade deal with the European Free Trade Association — comprising Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein — after the Union cabinet is learnt to have approved the deal-in-principle.

A formal announcement on what will be a pact with another bloc of developed nations is expected to be announced before the Election Commission sets in motion the poll process in the middle of next week.

After holding back-bilateral trade treaties for years, India has been on an FTA overdrive of sorts, signing agreements with Mauritius, Australia and the UAE, while holding talks with the UK, European Union, Oman and Sri Lanka.

In addition, a review of the agreement with ASEAN is under way, but negotiations with Canada have been put on hold after a diplomatic row.

With EFTA, for which talks resumed only last summer, the idea is to lower import duties on several products, without compromising on aspects such as patents regime, in return for getting investments from Swiss and Norwegian companies. India and the European trading bloc had earlier held negotiations from 2008, but talks collapsed over the issue of patents and geographical indications as also removal of import duty on gold, which remains a no go area for New Delhi. The agreement will have chapters including trade in goods and services, rules of origin, intellectual property rights, investment, trade and sustainable development, and trade facilitation.

Late Jan, Swiss economy minister Guy Parmelin flew to India on a whistle-stop tour to Mumbai to hold discussions with commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal. "It was there that we reached agreement, after 16 years of negotiations, on the broad lines of the EFTA-India trade agreement," he posted on social media.

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**Dated : 06.03.2024**

**E-tender Notice**

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites e-bids for execution of "24x7 water supply scheme in single ward of Nagar Nigam Bareilly, Nagar Nigam Shahjahanpur, Nagar Palika Parishad Budana & Nagar Palika Parishad Pilibhit" on turn-key basis: under AMRUT 2.0 Programme." are invited in bid system on percentage rate basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available for download from 07.03.2024 by 17:00 Hrs. Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated 12.03.2024 at 12:00 PM in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted till 21.03.2024 upto 14:30 Hrs. and technical bid shall be opened on 22.03.2024 at 14:30 Hrs. In the Office of The Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Bareilly in presence of contractor or their authorized representative. E-tender Cost is Rs 20,000 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> & U.P.J.N. website [www.jn.pscd.gov.in](http://www.jn.pscd.gov.in).

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## Ahead of polls, govt extends LPG sop, announces ₹10,000cr package for NE

**Raises MSP For Jute By ₹285/Quintal**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** In a pre-election push targeted at northeast states and women, Union cabinet on Thursday cleared a ₹10,000 crore industrialisation scheme for the hilly region and ₹12,000 crore for the next fiscal to extend the subsidy of ₹300 a cylinder under the Ujjwala scheme.

In addition, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs decided to increase the minimum support price for jute by ₹285 a quintal to ₹5,335, in a bid to ensure a return of 65% of all-India weighted average cost of production for farmers. The decision will greatly benefit farmers in eastern states, especially Bengal, textiles minister Piyush Goyal told reporters.

The move comes days before the model code of conduct for general elections kicks in. Election Commission is widely expected to announce the poll dates in the middle of next week, leaving a narrow window for the



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Modi govt to hold one or two more cabinet meetings before the bugle is sounded.

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cylinders every year and had also announced a reduction of ₹200 for every cylinder.

The subsidy support has boosted consumption of clean fuel in Ujjwala households from three refills per year in 2019-20 to 3.91 TJan, with an increase seen in recent months. Poor women are seen to have benefited significantly from the scheme as they do not have to trudge long distances in search of firewood.

Similarly, as an outreach to the North-East, which ac-

**DA crosses 50% of basic salary of govt staff, allowances also up**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Union cabinet on Thursday increased dearness allowance for central govt employees & dearness relief for pensioners by four percentage points — from 46% of basic pay to 50% — effective Jan, while revising other benefits.

The move, which will benefit around 1.2 crore central govt employees and pensioners, will have an annual impact of around ₹12,900 crore on the exchequer, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal told reporters.

There will be an additional outgo of ₹9,400 crore annually as an increase in DA counts for 24 Lok Sabha seats, govt cleared Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialisation Scheme or UNNATI to incentivise investors for setting up new units in the seven states or undertaking significant expansion.

The capital investment incentive of up to ₹10 crore, depending on the zone (industrially advanced or industrially backward district), in addition to interest subsidy of up to 5%. The funds are to be used over 10 years for the development of industries and employment generation in the states in the region. For the Centre, North-East has been a focus area and even in the budget, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman flagged a balanced development in the region as well as the eastern parts of the country.

## CCS gives go-ahead to indigenous 5th-gen stealth fighter project

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**New Delhi:** India will finally develop its own ambitious fifth-generation stealth fighter, the swing-role advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA) capable of achieving supersonic cruise speeds with relative ease, at an initial cost of ₹15,000 crore.

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after 2035," a source told TOI.

Advanced stealth features in the 25-tonne AMCA will range from "serpentine air-intake" and an internal bay for smart weapons to radar absorbing materials and conformal antenna. It will be able to achieve supersonic cruise speeds without the use of afterburners as well as have data fusion and multi-sensor integration with AESA (active electronically scanned array) radars.

IAF plans to induct seven squadrons (126 jets) of the expensive AMCA. The first two squadrons will be powered by GE-F414 engines in the 98 kilonewton thrust class to be jointly developed with US. The next five AMCA Mark-2 squadrons, in turn, will have 110 Kilonewton engines. Along with GE, the French Safran and British Rolls-Royce are in the fray for this.

## Nod for AI mission with ₹10k cr outlay for 5 years

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Union cabinet on Thursday approved India Mission with an outlay of ₹10,372 crore for five years to encourage AI development in the country and develop a supercomputing facility with graphic processing units (GPUs).

The approved corpus will be used to build a high-end scalable AI ecosystem in public-private partnership mode, marking a major initiative by govt to initiate steps in an emerging area that is slowly having mass adoption. The focus is on developing an entire ecosystem, from computing power to models, from applications to talent, and from data to regulatory framework, an official said.

"A landmark day for tech and innovation! Cabinet's approval for the India Mission will empower AI startups and expand access to compute infrastructure, marking a giant leap in our journey towards becoming a global leader in AI innovation," Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X.

## PM to launch 15 airport projects worth ₹10,000cr

**New Delhi:** It will be a "super Sunday" for the aviation sector on March 10, when PM Modi inaugurates 15 airport projects worth ₹10,000 crore, reports Saaurabh Sinha. This will be the single biggest infra addition that will see a mix of new airports, expanded terminals, laying of foundation stones for upcoming airports and other related facilities.

Delhi airport's expanded T1 and new terminals at Lucknow and Pune airports will be among the biggest projects to be inaugurated this Sunday. New terminal buildings will also be inaugurated at Kolhapur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad, Shrawasti and Adampur airports. Modi will also lay foundation stones for new terminal buildings at Kardapa, Hubballi and Belagavi.

A single-judge bench of Justice Siby Sankar Mishra

## Assets in her name doesn't make wife accused in man's DA case: HC

Lalmohan Patnaik | TNN

**Cuttack:** Orissa high court has held that when a man is facing criminal proceedings for allegedly possessing properties disproportionate to his known sources of income, his wife cannot be made accused in the case only because there are certain assets in her name.

HC delivered the ruling Wednesday while considering the case of a housewife whose husband was the principal accused in a disproportionate assets case registered under Prevention of Corruption Act. She challenged the proceedings initiated against her for alleged abettment of the offence committed by her husband.

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said, "Usually, it is the natural course that an unemployed wife is always dependent upon the will of her employed husband. The principal accused (husband) is in a position to dominate the will of the petitioner (wife)."

"The petitioner is not claiming that she independently acquired the assets alleged to have been in her

name. Hence, the onus is on the main accused to prove the source of income from which assets were acquired in the name of his wife."

But the prosecution was banking upon allegation of "abettment", without any material to prosecute the petitioner. Dismissing it, Justice Mishra noted, "If the analogy of the prosecution is accepted to sustain the criminal proceeding against the petitioner, then in that event, every member of the family of the principal accused in whose name any movable or immovable property was/is purchased by him shall be liable to be prosecuted for abettment."

Accordingly, Justice Mishra quashed the case registered against the petitioner.

Top Lashkar handler gets 'terrorist' tag

**New Delhi:** Centre Thursday designated Mohammad Qasim Gujjar, a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror handler based in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and one of the masterminds behind the January 2023 twin attacks in Rajouri's Dhangri village that killed seven civilians as a "terrorist" under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, reports Bharti Jain.

Announcing Mohammad Qasim Gujjar alias Salman alias Suleman's inclusion as 57th entry in Fourth Schedule to UAPA, which lists individual terrorists, home minister Amit Shah wrote on X: "An operative of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, Mohammad Qasim Gujjar has caused numerous deaths and injuries with terror attacks and is involved in planning war against Bharat (sic)."

## Hike carbon tax on imported fuel: Panel

Sanjay Dutta | TNN

**New Delhi:** An inter-ministerial panel of officials tasked with charting a course for stopping coal imports by 2030 has recommended raising carbon tax on superior imported fuel and reducing the same on lower quality domestic produce.

Govt currently charges a flat Rs 400 per tonne GST compensation cess for both imported and domestic coal.

The panel, set up by the coal ministry, has suggested linking the cess to the 'heating quality' to level the field for consumers of both imported and domestic coal with lower heating value of 3,000-3,500 kcal (kilo calories) bear a higher cess burden per unit of heating as they have to burn double the quantity of fuel compared to consumers using imported fuel with low ash content and higher heating value of 5,000-6,000 kcal.

The current system ends up raising power tariffs as majority of generation companies burn domestic coal. Other users such as sponge iron producers prefer superior imported coal. According to the panel, every Rs 100 per tonne increase in coal price pushes up power tariff by six paise per unit. In other words, the current cess has an impact of 24 paise per unit.

The GST compensation cess collection from imported coal stood at Rs 8,359 crore on a total import value of Rs 22,874 crore. This works out to 3.6% cess. In contrast, cess collected from domestic coal stood at Rs 29,066 crore on a value of Rs 11,725 crore, translating into 25% cess.

The panel recommended charging rationalised GST compensation cess on ad-valorem basis, where it will be levied as a percentage of the price and linked to quality, instead of fixed amount.

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# Maha Speaker acted in total breach of 2023 order, SC told

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Senior advocates Devadatt Kamat, Kapil Sibal and A M Singhvi told a bench of CJY D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that speaker **Rahul Narwekar** acted in complete breach of the

May 11, 2023 judgment in the Subhash Desai case where it had ruled that "speakers must not base their decision as to which group constitutes the political party on a blind appreciation of which group possesses a majority in the legislative assembly. This is not a game of numbers, but of something more".

Sibal said Maharashtra assembly elections are due in Oct this year and the Shinde faction wants to delay the hearing on the petition filed by Sena (UBT) leader Sunil Prabhu as the Shinde faction has not yet filed its response to the petition despite the court issuing notice on Jan 22. "We need urgent hearing on the petition," he said.

CJI Chandrachud said, "The speaker decides (which is the real Sena party) based on legislative strength of the factions. Is this not contrary to our judgment in the Subhash Desai case?"

Kamat said the speaker, while deciding disqualification petitions against Shinde and his faction MLAs moved by the Thackeray group, skirted around the

## 'Don't cut our throats': Sena leader warns BJP over LS seats in Maha

**Mumbai:** In a clear sharpening of tone over the wrangle for Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra, Shiv Sena leader Ramdas Kadam Thursday said BJP must "not cut their (Sena) throats and betray them." He warned BJP that if the Sena is shortchanged, it would send out a "different message" for the future, reports **Chaitanya Marpakkwar**.

Kadam, a four-time MLA from Khed in the Konkan region and minister in the Sena-BJP govt from 2014 to 2019, is now with the Sena under chief minister Eknath Shinde. He is keen to safeguard his MLA son Yogesh's interests in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, a seat to which BJP union minister Narayan Rane has staked a claim.

Yogesh Kadam is an MLA from Dapoli. Ramdas Kadam's younger son Siddesh was appointed chairperson of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on Thursday.

crucial undisputed facts — Shinde staking claim and forming govt with help of BJP; all group MLAs belonging to Sena supported him and earned ministerial berths — which fall foul of the anti-defection Act under the 10th Schedule. Responding to the charges, senior advocate Harish Salve said the issue is not as simple as made out by the Thackeray faction which was found to have used fake documents by speaker. He said the party meeting summoned on June 21, 2022, as per evidence, did not pass any resolution contrary to the claim of Thackeray faction which has al-

leged that Shinde-led MLAs disobeyed a collective decision. "First one must explain the facts and then go to the law. On factual grounds, the Thackeray faction has already filed a petition and is pending consideration," he said. SC said the issue required detailed hearing and asked the Shinde faction to file its response latest by April 1, while posting the final hearing on April 11.

Supporting him, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said Supreme Court has ruled that a petitioner must move high court first and not SC directly. "Why can't the Thackeray faction move HC, where the Shinde faction has already filed a petition and is pending consideration?" he said. SC said the issue required detailed hearing and asked the Shinde faction to file its response latest by April 1, while posting the final hearing on April 11.

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## Yes, I want to make Aaditya CM: Uddhav after Shah jibe

**Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar:** Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray expressed his desire for his 33-year-old son

Aaditya to become CM of Maharashtra during a public rally in Dharashiv Thursday. His statement followed Union home minister Amit Shah's accusations of dynastic politics against him, reports **Prasad Joshi**.

"Yes, I want to make Aaditya CM. To make this happen, you all must first elect him to that post," Thackeray said. Shah had accused opposition leaders of prioritising their family members over public welfare at a public rally in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on March 5. He challenged BJP and other parties to refrain from using photographs of Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray in their election campaigns.

## NIA probes cafe blast suspect's trail in Ballari

**Bengaluru/Ballari:** NIA officials probing the March 1 Ramswaram cafe blast have learnt that the man who planted the bomb travelled to Ballari from where he is suspected to have gone to Pune. While it is not clear how he reached the Maharashtra city, he is found to have boarded a bus heading for Gokarna in Karnataka on March 1 night.

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# Neutralisation of Art 370 has given azadi to Kashmiris: PM

## Says New Era Of Equal Rights, Opportunities Beckons Valley

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Asserting that Article 370 favoured a select group of politicians and their families, Modi said, "Kashmir has suffered the consequences of dynastic politics since Independence. The truth is now evident and people cannot be deceived any longer. A new promising era lies ahead for Kashmir, marked by equal opportunities, dignity and rights for all. Unlike the past, the locals now reap the benefits of various laws and pro-poor schemes initiated by the Centre concurrently."

Criticising dynastic politics that "plagued the region" — an oblique reference to PDP and National Conference, the two main parties rooted in J&K — he called neutralisation of Article 370 a "pro-poor, pro-development and pro-women" initiative that has given "azadi (freedom)" to the people of the Valley. Congress misguided the nation about Article 370, but who did it benefit," he asked.

He said J&K is "breathing freely" post-Article 370 and pledged accelerated progress over the next five years. "Modi will not leave any stone unturned to repay this debt of affection. This is Modi's sanz (Kashmiri word for guarantee)," he told the huge gathering at the stadium.

Extending his early greet-



PM Modi at Shankaracharya Hill. The PM made an unplanned detour to the site, home to a hilltop temple believed to have been visited by Adi Shankaracharya, during his journey to Srinagar on Thursday

ings for Ramzan, he said the Centre is committed to usher in transformative changes on the developmental front in the Union Territory over the next five years and that nobody can derail "J&K's train of success, peace and prosperity".

Earlier, Modi distributed appointment letters to almost 1,000 recently recruited govt employees and engaged with beneficiaries of several central schemes, including women achievers, farmers, and entrepreneurs.

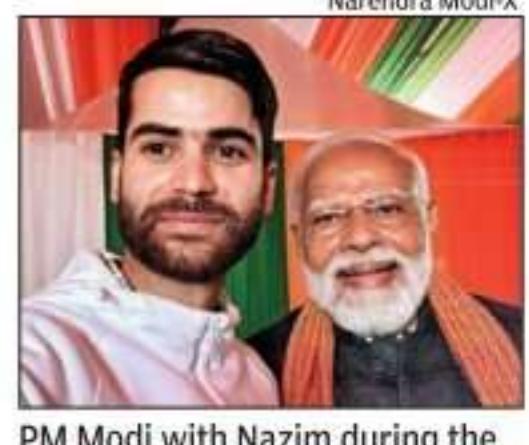
The PM lauded the successful hosting of the G20 event in J&K and said it broke the popular notion that the region is not a preferred tourist destination. "In 2023 alone, more than two crore tourists visited this region. Amarnath Yatra witnessed the highest number of pilgrims in the last decade, and Vaishno Devi shrine is seeing record-breaking footfalls. The influx of foreign tourists has surged two-and-a-half times compared to previous years. Notably, prominent

stars, celebrities, and international guests now make it a point to visit Kashmir; exploring its valleys, creating videos and reels that go viral."

Advocating 'Wed in India' campaign to encourage citizens to opt for domestic destinations such as Kashmir for weddings to support local tourism, the PM stressed that bolstering local spending will not only strengthen the economy but also foster employment opportunities for people in the Valley. "You cannot come, see and go back. You should spend 5% to 10% on shopping. I have also purchased from here," Modi said.

The projects dedicated by the PM to the nation included agriculture development programme worth about Rs 5,000 crore and multiple projects related to the tourism sector worth more than Rs 1,400 crore under 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'PRASHAD' scheme including the project for integrated development of Hazratbal shrine in Srinagar.

## Modi shares selfie with 'entrepreneur friend Nazim'



Narendra Modi-X

PM Modi with Nazim during the 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu & Kashmir' event on Thursday

**Srinagar:** Nazim Nazir was buzzing like his busy bees with gratitude, thanking people and fielding calls after Narendra Modi granted the Pulwama beekeeper's wish for a selfie together, a moment the PM later shared on social media, referring to him as "my friend Nazim", reports **Salim Pandit**.

Modi engaged with three budding entrepreneurs from Kashmir during the "Viksit Bharat Viksit J&K" programme at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar on Thursday, underscoring the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.

Nazim shared his journey in beekeeping and honey extraction. Starting with just two honey bee boxes in his attic when he was in class 10, Nazim received support from J&K's agriculture department to expand his business. Today, he owns a dozen bee boxes & supplies organic honey to markets across the country.

## Kerala gov dismisses 2 vice-chancellors over UGC norms violations

**Kerala** governor and chancellor of universities Arif Mohammed Khan has ousted the vice-chancellors of Calicut and Sri Sankaracharya universities — MK Jayaraj and MV Narayanan respectively — from their posts on the grounds

that their appointments were not in tune with University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations and hence void ab initio. The vice-chancellors, however, have 10 days to move court against their removal, as per a Kerala HC Jan 22 order. TNN



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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

S.O. 1046 (E).-In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/six lane etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Greenfield Highway in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 20.140 in the district of AGRA in the state of UTTAR PRADESH hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Additional District Magistrate (Land Acquisition)-Agra in writing and shall set out the grounds therefor and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling Greenfield Highway in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 20.140 in the district of AGRA in the state of UTTAR PRADESH

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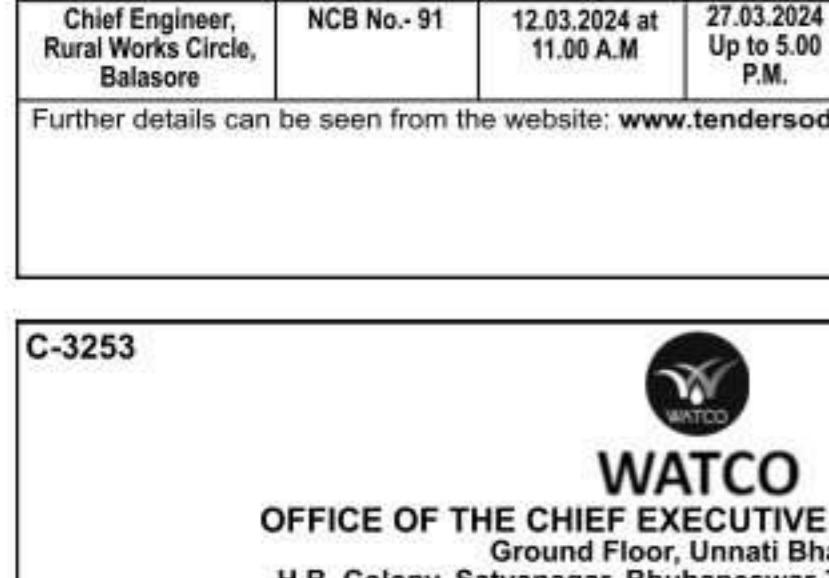
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WATCO No. 1542/ Date : 02.03.2024

1. Name of the work : Road under MMSY-TRIP  
2. Total no. of works : 2 Nos.  
3. Estimated Cost : From Rs. 613.71 lakhs to Rs. 764.72 lakhs (Approximately)  
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : "A" & "Special" Class (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other Licenses authorities (as per annexure).  
5. Period of completion : As per Annexure  
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer Bid Identification No. Availability of tender On-line for bidding Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O.I.S.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore Technical Bid Financial Bid

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
Chief Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore NCB No.- 91 12.03.2024 Up to 5.00 AM 27.03.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M. 28.03.2024

**SHABARI ADIVASI VITTA VA VIKAS MAHAMANDAL MYTD. NASHIK-2**

Regd Office "Adivasi Vitas Bhawan", 3rd Floor, Ram Ganesh Gadkari Chowk,  
Old Agra Road, Nashik : 422.002  
Phone 2315860 Fax (0253) 2315860

No SAVVM/skill/313/2024 Nashik, Date: 05/03/2024

**Advertisement**  
**Expression of Interest (EOI)**

For,

**Empanelment of Training Provider Agency for conducting "Employment Based Skill Development Training Program under Tribal Development Department" popularly known as "Ekavya Kushal",**

Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal Maraya., Nashik intend to implement a Skill Development Training Program. This program aims to provide Residential and Non-residential skill training to Scheduled Tribe youth and young women in Maharashtra state.

In order to empanel training provider agencies for this program, a tender has been issued. The tender document provides complete details about the project, qualification and eligibility criteria for service provider agency, and other relevant information. The Interested training institutes are invited to submit their application online, via Mahatender web portal (<https://mahatenders.gov.in>). The tender document are also available on Ekavya Kushal web portal (<https://ekavayakushal.in/>)

S.N.	Activity	Timeline
1.	Tender Publication	Date: 07.03.2024, Day: Thursday, Time: 11:30 AM.
2.	Pre Bid Meeting (Pre Bid)	Date: 14.03.2024, Day: Thursday, Time: Mon. 12:30 pm.
3.	Last date for submission of tender	Date: 28.03.2024, Day: Thursday Time: 5:00 p.m.
4.	Date of Tender Opening	Date: 01.04.2024, Monday Time: 11:00 hrs

The decision made by the Managing Director, Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal Maraya., Nashik, regarding the selection process of service provider agencies, is deemed final and binding.

Sd/-

(Smt. Leena Bansod IAS)

Managing Director

Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal, Nashik

DGIPR/2023-2024/9328

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20**

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.-03/2023-24 Date: 02.03.2024

**E-Procurement Tender Notice**

On behalf of the President of India, Deputy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, North Central Railway, Kanpur, invites the E-Procurement Tender for following items:

Tender No.	Brief Description	QTY.	Tender Opening Date
53245110	Cast Steel Bogie Complete	12 Nos	29.03.2024

Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement is available on IREPS website i.e. <https://www.ireps.gov.in>.

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North central railways | CRONCR | northcentralrailway | www.indianrailways.gov.in

**TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TTD, TIRUPATI DIST, A.P.

**TENDER NOTICE**

ADV No.102/3/DCE/TTD/2023-24 &amp; NIT No.442/SE-II/TTD/2023-24, Dt: 06/03/2024

Name of Works: (1) Construction of Yagashala for Sri Srinivasa Divyanugraha Homam at Alipiri. Amount Rs.550 Lakhs, Time for completion 18 months.

Note: For full details log on to the website <https://www.tirumala.org>.

ROC. NO. PR4 / 13964/Adv. No. 394/ PRO / 2024, Dated: 07.03.2024 Sd/- Executive Officer

**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH****TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers or their sole authorized distributors/ sole agents on the prescribed form for below mention items for two years.

1. Inj Amphotericin B Liposomal 50mg vial.

2. Balanced Crystalloid Resuscitation Fluid 500ml Bottle.

Due date for submission of Tender is 27.03.2024 by 12:30 hours.

Details of Tender Notice & Tender Form are available at our website [pgimer.edu.in](http://pgimer.edu.in) & [eprocure.gov.in](http://eprocure.gov.in)

Purchase Officer (HPD), Proc. Drugs &amp; Dressing

**Government of Punjab**  
**(Department of Health & Family Welfare)**

Bid Ref No.: E-tender/ PHSC/Proc/2024/136

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Procurement of 40 lakh Chlorine Tablets as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Date, time and place of pre bid conference : 19.03.2024 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062. Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247

Closing Date and Time : 15.04.2024 till 11:30 am

For details log on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Note : Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR  
PHSC Mohali**HEAD OFFICE UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM**

11-MOHINI ROAD, DEHRADUN, UTTARAKHAND-248001

Email: gmplwb.upsvn@gmail.com

पत्रांक: ३२० / विभागीय प्रभारी का उपक्रम।

Rif.no: 07 / 03 / 2024

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-tender are invited for the following works

1-Survey, Design &amp; Construction of Tube Wells, Pump House, Overhead Tanks &amp; Laying and Jointing of Rising Main &amp; Distribution system consisting of different sizes of D.I. Pipe, SITC of pumping plants &amp; providing Water meter connections and all other appurtenant Civil &amp; Electro-Mechanical works specified in the BOQ of tender document including supply of all materials, labour, T&amp;P etc. required for proper completion of work of I.I.E Kashipur Water Supply Scheme under Deposit Program.

A (i) Name of Division : World Bank Project Unit, Uttarakhand Pejal Nigam, Haldwani

(ii) Estimated Cost of Work : Rs.103.50 Lakhs

(iii) Period of completion/ Trial Testing : 15+3 Months

(iv) Earnest Money : Rs. 20.75 Lakh

2- Last date for receiving of All Bids : 26.03.2024, 17:00 hrs

3-Cost of each tender : Rs. 5000+ 18% GST

Detailed E-Tender notice and tender document will be published in [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) on 11.03.2024 at 17:00 hrs. General Manager(PIU)**Government of Punjab**  
**(Department of Health & Family Welfare)**

Bid Ref No.: E-tender/ PHSC/Proc/2024/135

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Rate Contract of various types of Glasswares in Test Tubes, Beakers, Conical Flat Bottom Flask, Measuring Cylinders, Filtering Funnel, Glass Bottles, Petri Plates etc as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Date, time and place of pre bid conference : 20.03.2024 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062. Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247

Closing Date and Time : 15.04.2024 till 11:30 am

For details log on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Note : Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only. No separate communication shall be given to any of the bidders. All the prospective bidders are advised to check the website regularly.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR  
PHSC Mohali**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.  
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813,  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 313/SS(D)-366/Spares | Dated: 06.03.2024

Dy. CE/ Substation Design/ TS Organization, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery (F.O.R. Destination at any place in Punjab) of 237 Nos. 60KV, 10KA Station type Heavy Duty, Class-III, Zinc Oxide (Gapless Type) Lightning Arresters suitable for 3 phase, 50 Cycles, 66 KV Solidly Grounded Neutral System. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11.03.2024 (11:00 AM onwards).

Note : Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.  
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813,  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 312/SS(D)-363/Spares | Dated: 06.03.2024

Dy. CE/ Substation (Design)/ TS Organization, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of Tubular Type Lead Acid DC Batteries of various ratings. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11.03.2024 (11:00 AM onwards).

Note : Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

C 204/24, DPR/Pb: 76155/12/2802/2023/33376

**POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.**(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (OPERATION & MAINTENANCE), GARHWAL ZONE-26-CIVIL LINES, ROORKEE**E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM**

The following e-tenders are hereby extended. 1. Procurement of 245 KV & 145 KV Current Transformers at 220 KV Substation SIDCUL Haridwar against e-tender specification **No.CE/GZR-27/2023-24**. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is **26.03.2024** upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on **27.03.2024** at 15:00 hrs.

2. Procurement of 145 KV & 33 KV Circuit Breaker at 220 KV Substation SIDCUL, Haridwar against e-tender specification **No.CE/GZR-28/2023-24**. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is **26.03.2024** upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on **27.03.2024** at 16:00 hrs.

Details of e-tender can be obtained from e-tender website [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) and information of e-tender can be seen from PTCL website [www.ptcl.org](http://www.ptcl.org). All other terms and conditions shall remain same. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No.+91-8899890000.

CHIEF ENGINEER (O&amp;M)

No. 432 /CE(O&amp;M)/GZR/Advt. Dated: 06/03/2024

"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION"

Maharashtra University Of Health Sciences, Nashik

Dindori Road, Mhasrus, Nashik - 422004

Phone No. 0253-2539149 EPBX: 0253-2539100,300

Email: registrar@muhs.ac.in/purchase@muhs.ac.in,

Website: <http://www.muhs.ac.in>

E-tender Notice No. MUHS / PUR/04/2024

Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik Invite proposed for supply of Manikins, Equipment, Software, ect. for the simulation lab under the proposed Centre of Excellence (COE) at MUHS, Nashik

For the detailed Tender document, interested bidder should visit <http://mahatenders.gov.in> and [www.muhs.ac.in](http://www.muhs.ac.in)

Tender Submission would be online and the deadline to submit the proposals is 26/03/2024

Date:- 8/03/2024

Registrar

MUHS, Nashik

**Government Of Maharashtra****Public Woks Department****Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Degloor Dist.Nanded****E-TENDER NOTICE NO (42) 2023-2024**

Online Tender (E-Tender) in B-1 Form for the in Nanded District Total (20) Works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Work Division Degloor, Dist. Nanded (Phone No 02463-255111) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System <https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app> From the registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tender portal [https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app</a](https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app)


**FAKIR MOHAN UNIVERSITY,  
VYASA VIHAR, BALASORE - 756089**

No:fmu-lib-pur-104/2024/1829

Date: 07/03/2024

**TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF BOOKS**

Fakir Mohan University invites sealed tenders in two bid systems from reputed/ leading publishers & suppliers/ distributors/ firms for supply of books to Dr. H. K. Mahatab Library of the University. The firms interested to supply books as per the terms and conditions of this University should apply in prescribed format available in the University website: [www.fmuiversity.nic.in](http://www.fmuiversity.nic.in) or before 2nd April, 2024 by 5 p.m. Library Purchase Committee has fixed minimum discount of 20% on all types of Indian and foreign publications except Government Publications. So, the interested bidder should quote the discount more than 20 % in average for Indian Publications and Foreign publications in financial bid separately. Financial Bid and technical bid complete in all respect should reach the undersigned by Registered/ Speed post latest by 5.00 PM of the last date. Incomplete tender papers or Tender received after due time and date will be rejected. The papers will be opened on 3rd April, 2024 at 11.30 a.m. The bidders or their authorised representative may remain present during the opening of the technical and financial bids. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all quotation(s) without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute the decision of the University authority shall be final and binding on all bidders.

Interested bidders may visit our website: ([www.fmuiversity.nic.in](http://www.fmuiversity.nic.in)) for details of the procurement process, quotation call notice and related communication.

Sd/- REGISTRAR

**जेम निवाचन सूचना**

भारत निवाचन आयोग द्वारा आगामी लोकसभा सामान्य निवाचन-2024 के दौरान कम से कम 50 प्रतिशत मतदेय स्थलों पर वेबकास्टिंग कराये जाने के निर्देश दिये गये हैं। आयोग के उत्तर निर्देशों के क्रम में मतदान दिवस को मतदेय स्थलों पर वेबकास्टिंग का कार्य कराये जाने हेतु जेम पोर्टल पर बिड संख्या-GEM/2024/B/473296, दिनांक 04.03.2024 को अपलोड कर दिया गया है।

नवदीप रिवाया  
मुख्य निवाचन अधिकारीलखनऊ : दिनांक 05: मार्च, 2024 UPID 205182 dt 05.03.2024, [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER P.W.D UJJAIN ZONE UJJAIN**  
No 0734-2524462 E-Mail cepwdujjain@mp.nic.in**Tender Notice**

NIT of 27 GEN/CE/2023-24/

Ujjain Date 02-03-2024

Online Percentage rate Tender for the work mentioned below are being invited. The Tender has/have been uploaded on the e-Procurement system of Public Works Department on the Portal [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) Tender details are as below:-

S. No.	Division Name	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Cost of Project (PAC) (Rs. In Lakh)	Time Period
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Dewas	2024-PWDRB-340847- pack 1	CONSTRUCTION OF JANOLI TO DEVALI APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 1.50 KM, KARADIYA FATA TO DEHR1 APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 1.20 KM, PIPALYAKHURD TO KHOKRIYA ROAD LENGTH 4.00 KM, ENABAD BYEPASS ROAD LENGTH 0.60 WITH UTILITY SHIFTING AND LONDIIYA SHAMSHAN GHAT APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 0.25 KM AND NEORI FATA TO BHOPAL ROAD LENGTH 5.40 KM UTILITY SHIFTING DN. DEWAS	1084.42	18 Months Including Rainy Season
2	Ujjain	2024-PWDRB-340848- pack 1	CONSTRUCTION OF WORK NAGDA UJJAIN TO MAKAL VILLAGE PUSHTA FECOTRY ROAD, NAI BASATI PMGSY ROAD TO NAI BASTI WARD VILLAGE SURJAKHEDI ROAD (INCLUDING ELECTROCAL WORK) UNHEL RAILWAY STATION TO BARKHADA ROAD LENGTH 2.20 KM, NAFDA CHIROLA MARG SANGOTI MATA MANDIR TO RADHAKRISHNA MANDIR ROAD (INCLUDING ELECTROCAL WORK) Total 5.99 LENGTH DN. UJJAIN	554.78	12 Months Including Rainy Season
3	Ujjain	2024-PWDRB-340849- pack 1	CONST. OF BIHARIYA TO RAMGARH ROAD LENGTH 9.50 K.M. AT SUB DN. MAHPUR DN. UJJAIN.	683.03	12 Months Including Rainy Season

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for purchase of document and online Bid Submission on line is Dated 18-03-2024 up to 17:30 PM. Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

Sd/-

CHIEF ENGINEER  
कारोना में सावधानी हटी, समझो दृष्टना बढ़ी।**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION DIVISION POWER HOUSE BHEP-II CHANDERKOTE**  
Email : [xenegenbhepii@gmail.com](mailto:xenegenbhepii@gmail.com) Tel / fax - 01998-288052**E-NIT No:-GEN/BHEP-II/18 of 2023**

Dated : 04/03/2024

**E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

On behalf of Managing Director JKPDC on Tender basis, are invited for "SUPPLY OF MANDATORY TURBINE, MIV and OTHER ASSOCIATED SPARES" for 450 MW (3X150) BAGLIHAR HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-II from the Hydro-Mechanical Contractors / Original Equipment Manufacturers for below mentioned supply:

The Scanned copies of the bids should be uploaded online on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). Complete bidding process will be online

S. No	Scope of Work	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document	Estimate cost inclusive of all taxes and duties (in Rs.)	Date of opening of Bid
1	Supply of Mandatory Turbine, MIV and other associated Spares For 450 MW (3x150) Baglihar Hydro Electric Project Stage-II	Rs. 2,95,260/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs 1,47,63000/-	27-03-2024

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1 Date of Issue of Tender Notice 04-03-2024

2 Period of downloading of bidding documents 04-03-2024

3 Pre bid meeting 11-03-2024

4 Bid submission Start Date 11-03-2024

5 Bid Submission End Date 26-03-2024 at 04:00 PM

6 Date &amp; time of opening of tech Bids (Online) 27-03-2024 at 06:00 PM

**Bidder must read term/condition in tender document carefully before uploading the tender.**

1. Complete bidding process will be on line.

2. Bid must be accompanied by (i) Bid security (EMD), which should be in the shape of Bank Guarantee/CDR/FDR of any **NATIONALISED BANK** pledged to Chief Pay & Accounts Officer BHEP Chanderkote & (ii) The cost of the downloaded Tender Document in the form e-challan or Demand Draft (DD) (of J&K Bank or SBI Bank) in favour of Chief Pay & Accounts officer BHEP payable at Chanderkote District Ramban (J&K).

Account No. as 0240010200000002

IFSC code as JAKAOCHNDAR

Bank: J&amp;K bank Ltd Chanderkote

3. The original documents in respect of cost of document, EMD documents etc. Should reach in the **Office of Executive Engineer Generation Division, BHEP-II** on or before 27/03/2024 If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt as specified, the same will be received on the next working day up to **4.00 pm** at the same venue. JKSPDC will not be responsible for any delay due to any reason.

-Sd-

Executive Engineer  
Generation Division  
BHEP-II, Chanderkote.

No:-GEN/BHEP-II/2090-97

Dated: 04-03-2024

DIP No:DIP/J-5645-P/23/06.03.2024

**OFFICE OF THE ROURKELA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Udit Nagar, Rourkela Dist.-Sundargarh (Odisha) Pin-769012

Website: [www.rmc.nic.in](http://www.rmc.nic.in)

EmailId: rourkelamunicipality@gmail.com

No. 3089

Date: 04.03.2024

**Expression of Interest (EOI)**

Sealed applications are invited from the reputed firms /Agencies for "Upgradation of Esri ArcGIS License and Jumpstart Service".

For detail technical specifications along with terms & conditions etc. may be seen from the website of Rourkela Municipal Corporation i.e. [www.rmc.nic.in](http://www.rmc.nic.in). Date of issue of tender documents from dtd. 04.03.2024. The last date for receipt of sealed tender is 11.03.2024 till 1.00 P.M. through Speed Post/ Regd. Post/ Courier/ or by hand in the office address of the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Commissioner  
Rourkela Municipal Corporation  
OIPR-13131/11/019/23/24

**ARYABHATTA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCES (ARIES)**  
MANORA PEAK, NAINITAL, UTTARAKHAND**Walk-in-interview**

Walk in interview for the following positions of Project Assistant and Finance and Accounts Manager on contractual basis at the institute, shall be conducted on 18 March 2024 at 10 AM.

Sr. No.	Post Name	No. of Posts	Age Limit (as on March.01.2024)	Consolidated Pay (Rs. Per Month)
1.	Project Assistant	01	35 Years	25000/-
2.	Finance and Account Manager	01	45 Years	40000/-

Application form and other terms and conditions are available at institute website [https://www.aries.res.in](http://www.aries.res.in)

Registrar

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tender No

Name of Work

Estimated Cost

T-23 300046458/2023-2024 Koradi TPS 2x660 MW Replacement Project – Providing and construction of various facilities for proposed 2x660 MW replacement project such as Store shed complex, WTP II, Security gate, car parking and shifting of the utilities in lieu of construction fouling in the layout of proposed project.

Issue Period : 09.03.2024 to 23.03.2024 upto 17.00 Hrs | Last Date of Submission : 26.03.2024 upto 15.00 Hrs

Contact Person: Dy. Chief Engineer(Civil), O/o Chief Engineer (C)-II, M.S.P.G.C.L., Koradi.

Tel.No. :- 07109-262168, E-mail : [cgcivil2@mahagenco.in](mailto:cgcivil2@mahagenco.in)For further details visit our Website: [www.eprocurement.mahagenco.in](http://www.eprocurement.mahagenco.in). Agencies are requested to register themselves for future E-Tender.**Maharaja Agrasen Medical College Agroha (Hisar)-125047 (Haryana)**

(Recognized by NMC/MCI/Govt. Aided)

Website: [www.mamc.edu.in](http://www.mamc.edu.in)

Phone No. 8930200819

**RECRUITMENT**

Applications are invited for filling up the posts of Faculty (Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor & Senior Resident) in various Departments in MAMC, Agroha. Qualifications as per NMC & salary as per Haryana Govt. with good perks with NPA, New Pension Scheme. Starting salary: Senior Resident-138610/-, Assistant Professor-142110/-, Associate Professor- 239171/-, Professor-242850/- + HRA + CA as per rule. For more details, the interested candidates may visit at our website: [https://mamc.edu.in/jobs-2/](http://mamc.edu.in/jobs-2/)

**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, JODHPUR**  
(An autonomous body set-up by Government of India)  
Basni, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) Pin code: 342005  
Website: [https://www.aiimsjodhpur.edu.in](http://www.aiimsjodhpur.edu.in), Phone: 0291-2740741**AIIMS-JDH/Admin/RECT/Deputation/02/2024 ADVERTISEMENT**

AIIMS, Jodhpur invites applications for the following post on Deputation Basis.

S. No.	Name of the Post	Group	Pay	Total Post
1.	Medical Superintendent	A	Level 14 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
2.	Chief Librarian	A	Level 13 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
3.	Chief Nursing Officer	A	Level 12 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
4.	Nursing Superintendent	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	

**PSPCL** Punjab State Power Corporation Limited  
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001.  
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813 :  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 311/DS-162/SS(D)-II/RDSS

Dy. CE/Sub-Station (Design) / TS Organization, C-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for manufacture, testing, supply & delivery of 35 nos. 66kV SF6 Circuit Breakers (under RDSS). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to <https://gem.gov.in/> from 06.03.24 (11:00 AM onwards).

Note : Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://gem.gov.in/>

C 200/24, DPR/Pb : 76155/12/298/2023/33319

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project - East),  
Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose Building (PUB),  
21st Floor, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

No: EE/P-E/TEND-06/2023-24 Date: 06-03-2024

### CANCELLATION OF TENDER

Due to Technical problem this Undesign Office is unable to Publish the Tender in E-Portal hence with respect to the Tender Notification No: EE/P-E/Tend/06/2023-24 issued on dated: 04-03-2024 is Cancelled.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Project - East), BBMP.

**Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**  
Deputy Director of Horticulture,  
Annex-III Building, BBMP Head Office,  
N. R. Square, Bengaluru.

No. DDH/TENDER/01/2023-24 Date: 06.03.2024

**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System)**  
(Through GOK Kpp Portal) (KW-1 to KW-4)  
website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only

The Deputy Director of Horticulture invites tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules, 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/Firms registered in Labour department for Maintenance of Parks.

S.I. No. Name of the work

1. Development of Park and Greenery in BTM Layout, Improvement of Freedom Park and Planting of Trees in Gandhinagar and Improvement to Rajkumar Park in Sarvagnanagar, Amount (in Crore) 5.00.

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of Notification : 07.03.2024.

(2) Tender can be downloaded from: 12.03.2024. (3) Pre bid Meeting : 28.03.2024 at 11:30 a.m. (4) Tender Closing Date : 20.04.2024 at 4:30 p.m. (5) Technical bid opening Date : 22.04.2024 at 11:30 a.m. (6) Financial bid opening Date : After Approval of Technical bid. (7) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: [www.bbmp.gov.in](http://www.bbmp.gov.in).

Sd/- Deputy Director of Horticulture, BBMP.

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-6),  
N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/PC-6/TEND/03/2023-24 Date: 05-03-2024

**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)-(SHORT TERM)-(CALL-2)**  
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Government of Karnataka Vide G.O. No. UDD 389 MNY 2023, Bengaluru dated: 09-01-2024, has accorded approval in Principle and Sanctioned Budget under Government of Karnataka Scheme for taking up of the work listed below.

The Executive Engineer (Project Central-6), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of work detailed below.

S.I. No. Name of the Work

1 Comprehensive Development of Selected Roads by Providing White Topping Under GOK Grants. **Package-7 (Call-2)**. Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 10508.71, EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 105087.

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 05-03-2024. 2) Pre Tender Meeting will be held on 13-03-2024 at 16.00 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Project Central), 4th Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru - 560002. 3) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal on or before 17.30 Hours on 20-03-2024. 4) Technical Bids will be Opened on the Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-6) on 22-03-2024 at 10.30 Hours. Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP.

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No.2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakaranagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560 092.

No: EE/BTP/BBMP/KPPP/22/2023-24 Date: 04.03.2024

**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)**

**TWO COVER TENDER**  
(Through GOK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)

Tender for the following works on item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division BBMP, from the registered Contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

S.I. No. Name of the works/Category

1 Renovation of Byatarayanapura Joint Commissioner Office 1st Floor Bank Portion Building in Ward No-08 in Kodigehalli Sub Division (Others) Approx. value of work: ₹. 24.90 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 49800/-

2 Improvements to Roads and Drains and other allied works at APC Layout, Lake Shore Garden, Canara Bank Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No-10 Byatarayanapura (Others) Approx. value of work: ₹. 200.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 300000/-

3 Improvements to Roads and Drains and Culverts in Maruthinagara, Bhadrappa Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No-11 Kodigehalli (Call-2) (ST) Approx. value of work: ₹. 99.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 99000/-

4 Improvements to Roads and Drains and other allied works at Balaji Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No-11 Kodigehalli (Others) Approx. value of work: ₹. 100.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 200000/-

5 Improvements to Roads and Drains and other allied works at Basavasamiti, Jnaneswari Layout, Gurudarshan Layout, Saptagiri Layout, Venkataswamappa Layout, Somanna Garden, BEL Layout, HMT Layout, Bloom Filled Garden and Surrounding Areas in Ward No-13 Vidyaranyapura (Others) Approx. value of work: ₹. 200.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 300000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 14.03.2024 at 3:00 pm. (2) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is 18.03.2024 upto 4:00 pm. (3) Opening of Technical Bids in the Office of the Executive Engineer on 20.03.2024 at 11:00 am If possible (4) Opening of Financial Bid is on 22.03.2024 at 11:00 am (For Two Cover System). Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division

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# As We See It

## TALKING POINT

### HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY BUT DO WE REALLY NEED IT?

As March 8 rolls around every year, streets, malls and workplaces bust out the pink and purple. International Women's Day has been co-opted and commercialised, often reduced to just a cheery slogan and a rose. It leads us to the question: Do we really need to mark this day? Shouldn't our political, economic, cultural and social challenges matter 24/7/365, and not be settled with token attention on one day? The thing is gender equality has not been achieved, it is a work in progress, so marking this day matters. It remains an occasion to take stock of how far we've come and how much further we have to go.



### I HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Women's Day has a radical history. During the Cold War, the US and the Communist world fought over its origins. Some say that it started in 1909, when socialist women and textile garment workers in New York protested their low pay and long hours and declared it National Women's Day. Others attribute it to the anti-fascist and socialist German leader Clara Zetkin. European activists demanded equal pay, voting and worker rights. More than a million people showed up for these rallies. Russia started observing the day in 1913, when women textile workers led by Alexandra Kollontai began a demonstration for 'Bread and Peace', a movement that played a part in the Russian Revolution.

For pioneers of Women's Day like Kollontai and Zetkin, gender justice was a universal project. It was against domination based on race or empire, feudal order, capitalist relations or family hierarchy, it was 'intersectional' before there was a word for it.

### 2 MAKING IT OFFICIAL

The UN began marking International Women's Day in 1975, and it shed its leftist associations. Over the years, Women's Day has become a public holiday in many countries. Some have customs that make a fuss over women, give them presents, flowers and so on, or announce shopping deals and discounts for them. But Women's Day has remained true to its radical roots too, as an occasion to wrench attention to injustice. In the US, Iran, Spain, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Poland and Pakistan, women have taken to the streets – protesting femicides, the curtailing of reproductive rights, the lack of mobility and autonomy, conflict and displacement as well as the violence and licensed cruelty of patriarchy everywhere.

### 3 NONE OF US ARE EQUAL TILL ALL OF US ARE EQUAL

Today, women's rights are backsliding everywhere – in Afghanistan, the Taliban has restricted women from education, employment and public life. In the US, reproductive rights have been restricted. Authoritarian regimes either reject the idea of gender equality or champion women's causes as a cover for more systematic repression, as in Rwanda and Saudi Arabia. War and conflict have been catastrophic for women in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and elsewhere. On social media, influencers demonise feminism and media clickbait tilts in this direction too.

Women's Day reminds us that women's freedoms are hard-won and fragile. Feminism must link us across all our differences, without being one-size-fits-all. The obstacles we face are not just as women, but also as members of our class and community. Also, patriarchy does not mean all men have the same power. Feminism is not about pop songs and tote bags, cute merch or sassy slogans either. It is not a framework for personal liberation or ascendance, but for wider solidarity. As Gloria Steinem put it, we're not fighting for a piece of the pie, but to bake something new altogether.

## Dropout rate to broken roads, girls from remote areas harness power of writing to bring change

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**THE MIGHTY PEN:** (From left) Hema Rawal, Priyanka Sahu, Rehana Kausar and Rukhsar Kausar

Hema Rawal's family in Uttarkhand's Baghewar lost the small piece of roof they had over their heads during heavy rain in 2022, leaving the seven of them without a proper home. With no help forthcoming for nearly a year, Hema wrote about her family's plight – and that of others in the village who lost their house or land – in a local newspaper.

That stirred things up. The village head moved an application filed by the family for a house under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Last year, Hema's family moved into their new two-room house.

In J&K's Poonch, Rukhsar Kausar wrote about girls dropping out of a govt school because its dilapidated boundary wall was making them feel unsafe on campus. Within months, the education department sanctioned a budget for the long-neglected school.

From bad roads to poor internet, girls living in remote

corners are harnessing the power of writing to bring change to their communities.

Hema, now 18, told TOI over the phone that her article – 'Qalam ki tagat se badiav mumkin hai' (Power of the pen can bring about change) – was published in July 2023. "My family had filed the application for a home under the PMAY in 2015, but the file did not move beyond the village administration's office. In the August 2022 flash floods, our one-room house in Gani suffered heavy damage. Many of the houses in our village were similarly hit. In my article, I highlighted the most basic of our concerns – damaged houses and rain-washed roads.

Within two months of my article, our PMAY application was approved. Now, we have two-room houses," Rawal said.

Gani village head Hema Devi confirmed the Rawal family had shifted to their new house, constructed under the PMAY last year.

Rukhsar, who wrote for a website in 2022, quoted some teachers to say that nearly 50% of girls had dropped out of the govt-run middle school, tucked away in Chhatral. Deputy chief education officer (Poonch) Mohammed Latief Choudhary told TOI after the article was published, funds for the perimeter wall were cleared and work will start soon.

Both Rukhsar (22), who has started practising law, and Hema were trained at a Delhi-based NGO, Charkha, that works in remote areas of Utkarshakhand, J&K, Ladakh, Rajasthan and Bihar to give young girls a platform to voice local problems. Charkha CEO Chetna Verma told TOI these girls are taught to ask questions like journalists and write on community issues. Their articles are then published in local newspapers and magazines.

These articles, she said, have often gone a long way to bring positive changes in people's lives. An article published by Rehana Kausar, also from Poonch, in a local Urdu news-

paper helped a disabled schoolgirl, Rukhsana, access free education. Rehana had highlighted how the rugged terrain of Mandi had made it difficult for Rukhsar to reach school. The article caught the attention of the social welfare department and they decided to sponsor her education to help her continue.

"It is heartening to see the article was noticed by govt and help was provided to Rukhsar," Rukhsar said.

In Bihar, Priyanka Sahu, a 20-year-old from Muzaffarpur's Guriyaria village, has written two articles on the lack of digital learning tools and functional toilets in rural schools.

Her article – 'Mahavari me school chhotne ka dard' (pain of dropping out of school due to menstruation) – published in April last year highlighted how girls skip school during their periods because toilets weren't there. The second article – 'Digital saksharta se door gramin bharat' (Rural India deprived of digital literacy) – was published in a prominent Hindi newspaper in Jan last year.

Mars Oxfam recently awarded Soumya Tiwari the Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy for best junior female cricketer

girl now training with him. "What she is doing is very inspiring. She has announced that she can sponsor five players. Any player who needs help can meet me or Soumya. We will keep it confidential," said Chenani.

Soumya started training under coach Suresh Chenani at Arera Cricket Academy in Bhopal at the age of 11. Within a year she made it to senior team of Bhopal Division. At 13, she became a member of MP's Under-19 team and also the state Under-23 team.

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"When I told my coach, Chenani, he was very happy and said he would help me find such players. Some cricketers approached me and I have arranged kits and other support for them," said Soumya, who studies in Class XII.

Chenani said she is already sponsoring an orphan

girl now training with him. "What she is doing is very inspiring. She has announced that she can sponsor five players. Any player who needs help can meet me or Soumya. We will keep it confidential," said Chenani.

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Soumya scored a century

"While reaching the stage

"Hello and welcome to TOI's monthly roundup on gender, politics and culture. In a world where men still run most of the gigs and hog the mics, here's where we say it like we see it

## STATS STACK

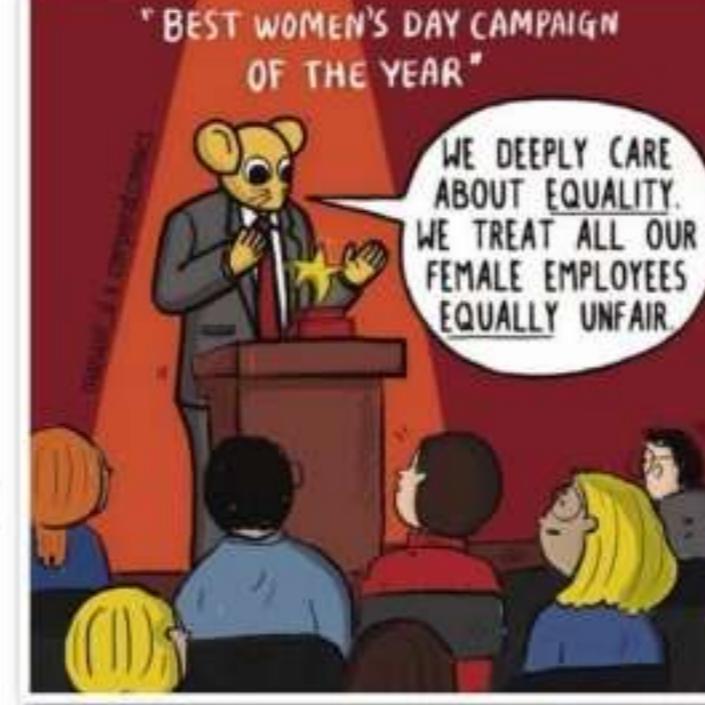
Oscars are around the corner, but change at the Academy Awards is still a ways away. Less than 10% of screenwriting winners have been women, and only three women have won Best Director thus far, data analysis by Sky News shows

## GENDER NEWS FROM THE WORLD

**France makes abortion a constitutional right** In a big win for reproductive freedoms, French lawmakers on March 4 overwhelmingly approved a bill to enshrine abortion rights in France's constitution. The measure, approved in a 780-72 vote, makes France the only country to explicitly guarantee a woman's right to voluntarily terminate a pregnancy, AP reports.

## SEEN AND HEARD

Credit: Instagram/Manasi\_D



**Female rage illustrated** Liana Finck's illustrations, bobbling between the absurd and mundane, are deeply relatable. In this particularly enjoyable one, a woman – all signs point to her being an overworked mother – screams at a man to ask about her day. In another, titled 'acts of bravery', her signature squiggly woman practices saying no – to work, to her partner and to herself in the mirror. A much-needed skill, indeed.

## Companies celebrate Women's Day (one day offer only!)

This hilarious illustration by Manasi D captures the absurdity of Women's Day campaigns by corporations. The performative platforming of their scant few female leaders, maybe a pink-themed gift given to female employees – all of that is well and good but so is equal pay, a gender-equal work culture and destruction of the glass ceiling. Thanks for the pink mug though!



## TWO READS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

### The dating game

Dating app users, sick and tired, are taking matters into their own hands by trying to game the system. An NYT piece looks at people becoming increasingly suspicious of apps and their algorithms, treating them as gatekeepers standing in the way of love rather than enabling it. Some feel apps are just trying to get them to become paying members – 26% of users pay for dating apps now. They're trying, instead, so-called hacks like deactivating and reactivating their accounts, switching locations to another city or passing on attractive people, all strategies derived from TikToks. If love is a game, some feel, why not cheat your way through?



### A story about (un)equal pay

When Glasgow-based carer Frances Stojiljkovic got a letter offering her money due to wage disparity between men and women back in 2005, it felt like a blessing. It came at a cost, as all money does – waiving the right to further equal pay claims. But the pay gap did not get better, it got worse, in fact. In a fascinating long read in The Guardian, the struggle of Stojiljkovic and other female care workers is detailed, as are the complications of making equal pay a reality.



## AN INTERNET-AGE GLOSSARY OF SEXISM

### Mansplaining

Men love explaining things to women. And even more than that, they love explaining things women already know to women. The term, which is inspired by author Rebecca Solnit's 2008 essay 'Men explain things to me'. In the essay, a perfect example of the phenomenon, she describes a man interrupting her (more on that later) describing books she's written to tell her about a book that he read about, not realising that she wrote it.



**ManSpreading** | Oh, to take up space. You've seen it on public transport or while trying to work out of a cramped cafe, manspreading refers to the habit that many men have wherein they spread their legs, unaware of how much surface area their gams are taking up. If that isn't an apt metaphor for the way patriarchy functions, we don't know what is.

**Benevolent sexism** | It's a strange feeling to be put on a pedestal that's underground, but that's kind of how benevolent sexism works. It describes behaviours that are patronising, in a way that seems supportive. When men would rather protect than empower, look down upon or elevate, say 'tsk, you poor thing' than actually change the systems, you've found yourself in the murky waters of benevolent sexism.

### Manterrupting

Illustrations: Chad Crowe

Manterrupting – oh, sorry. No no, go ahead – refers to the propensity that certain men have to speak over the women around them. Whether that's interrupting your story to add a tidbit they consider to be a gem or speaking out of turn during a presentation to chime in with an inane comment, it speaks to a lack of situational awareness spurred by their gender or sometimes merely the assumption that whatever it is they have to say is more important.

**GirlBoss** | Speaking of patronising attitudes, the term 'girlboss' is a great example. While it started off being used in ways meant to be complimentary – referring to an ambitious or successful woman, it has taken on a more tongue-in-cheek tenor of late. This perhaps stems from the recognition that the success of individual women does not help the rest of us. One female CEO does not an equal society make.

**Feminine rage** | When you're consistently unsafe, discriminated against or underestimated, a little bit of anger is understandable. Feminine rage refers to the specific anger and frustration women feel. Anger can be more than a feeling – it can be a call to action, a demand for equality, accountability and safety.

Curated by Ketaki Desai

## Women surpass men by 15% in EC's drive to enrol new voters

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**Pune:** Women have surpassed men in enrolment of new voters during an ongoing drive, which is being conducted across the country by EC since Jan last year.

Figures from an EC report released this week showed that in the 13-month period till Jan this year, new women voters exceeded men by 15%. Of the 2.6 crore new voters enrolled during this period, 1.4 crore were women and men stood at 1.2 crore.

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## The Future is SHE: TOI event on IWD

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** On the occasion of International Women's Day, TOI will organise on Friday a series of virtual discussions — The Future is SHE, Season 3 – to mark the celebration of women's achievements in every sphere of society.

Under the compelling theme of 'Inspiring Inclusion', the event will highlight diversity, recognising its significance in shaping a more equitable world. Spanning across various fields, including corporate, STEM, entertainment, energy, sports, family business and culture, the event will see an impressive line-up of women speakers who are trailblazers in their respective fields.

Among the distinguished panellists will be Schauna Chauhan, CEO of Parle Agro; Sulajja Firodia Motwani, CEO of Kinetic Green; Rukmani Krishnamurthy, first woman forensic scientist; Sangita Reddy, joint MD of Apollo Hospital; Dr. Meenar Borwankar, retired IPS officer; Madhumati Lele Srivastava, president of CCI; Nandini Bhownik, priestess and Aishwarya Pissay, bike racer, among others.

The Future is SHE is a guiding light of inspiration and empowerment, embarking on this mission since its inception in 2022. It is aimed to honour the triumphs of women, amplify their voices and champion inclusivity across all realms of society.

One can register for the event by clicking on <https://bit.ly/TOIFIS2024>.



Others, shared their journey at a programme on Thursday to motivate women to "speak up", face the challenges, and break their silence against injustice, violence and abuse. They highlighted the important roles parents, particularly mothers have played in shaping their lives.

The event organised by National Commission for Women (NCW) was aptly named 'Tu Bol' (You Speak). Nehwal delivered a powerful message, shedding light on the mental pressures endured by sportspersons and how it was her mother a housewife who put her on the road to be a sportsperson. "As a child she invested in my health, fitness and training. She never allowed me to give up and I followed her eventually realising that I was made for the game," she added.

Pragya credited not just her parents but her husband for giving her strength to rebuild her life and turn it into a mission. "While reaching the stage

## 18-yr-old cricket star sponsoring others to chase dreams, with her prize money & match fees

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<b>Tender Notice No.: P1-O&amp;M-04R/2024</b> Date: 08/03/2024
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<b>Name of Work:</b> Outsourcing of Maintenance Services of OHE & Power Supply for One Year for 85 TKM OHE, 2 Depots, 33 Stations ASS & 3 RSS of Pune Metro Rail Project.
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Tender Documents can be downloaded from 10.00 Hrs. on 08/03/2024 to 15.00 Hrs. on 21/03/2024 from e-tender Portal of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. <a href="https://mahatenders.gov.in">https://mahatenders.gov.in</a> .
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To view this tender notice, interested bidder may visit the website <a href="http://www.punemetrorail.org">www.punemetrorail.org</a> of Maha-Metro or CPPP portal <a href="https://eprocure.gov.in">https://eprocure.gov.in</a> .
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<b>REQUIREMENT OF LAND</b>
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Sealed offers are invited on a two bid system i.e. (A) Technical Bid (B) Financial Bid from absolute and exclusive owners or co-owners having no objection from other co-owners or parties having an interest in the land if they have already entered into a registered agreement for sale with owners in possession on or before the last date of submission of bid, for transfer of plot by the way of OUTRIGHT SALE (Plot area: 500 sq. m) to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPLC) to set up its Motor Operated Valve station near river Yamuna in village Solda, Tehsil-Palwal District-Palwal, Haryana. Interested parties may collect EOI from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPLC) for detailed information & Bid conditions, either from our office or through email. Vishal Palwal (Project Leader) Mob-9871713081, Email-vishalpalwal@bharatpetroleum.in Piyal Jevra Airport ATL Pipeline Project office, BPLC Piyal POI terminal, Village-Piyala Post-Assoai, Tehsil-Ballabhgarh, Dist Faridabad Haryana. And submit their offers to as mentioned above by 15.03.2024, 15.00 hrs. THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS FOR SUITABLE LAND FOR MOV STATION AND NOT FOR DEALERSHIP
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<b>GeM Bid Notice</b>
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It is hereby informed that a bids No. is as follow:-
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The Bid uploaded on GeM Portal for Procurement of Services Bids at KSSSC. All interested service providers/bidders are required to submit their bids on GeM Portal in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GeM bid documents. The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.
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Note: 1. The meeting will be conducted through video link for which please email a request at least 1 day prior to the indicated date and time to office.ssc@gmail.com and you will receive a confirmation and link to join.
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The Tender documents are available on the website of the Institute <a href="http://cancerinstitute.edu.in">http://cancerinstitute.edu.in</a>
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<b>SEARCH FOR MISSING</b>
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 <b>Sarita</b> Age: 21 Years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built : Medium, Identification: Mentally weak, Wearing : Pink colour suit, chocolate colour plazzo and black colour hawali chappal in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Vijay Vihar, Delhi at E-mail Id – <a href="mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in">cic@cbi.gov.in</a> SHO P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi Rohini Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-27521294, 27521295, 9582288144 DP/2665/RD/2024
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<b>PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED</b>
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<b>See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.</b>
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Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Shiva S/o Gopal R/o H.No. C-6/72, Sawran Jyanti Vihar, Tikri Khurd, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.
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A-1677

**GOVT. OF ODISHA**  
 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DRAINAGE  
 CUTTACK, GANDARPUR-753003  
 E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO. CE-DR-CTC-04/2023-24

email Id : cedrainage@gmail.com

1. Name of Works	: Renovation of Palpalai Nallah and its Link Drains with construction of structures and slope protection works in Balalap and Basta Block of Balasore District - DOAB-IK.
2. Nature of Work	: i) Earth Work ii) Structural Work iii) Stone Pitching work
3. Total number of Packages	: 1 no. individual package.
4. Estimated Cost	: Rs. 1260.00 Lakh
5. Bid Identification No.	: CE-DR-CTC/DD-BLS-05/2023-24
6. Period of completion	: 18 (Eighteen) Calendar months.
7. Availability of Tender On-Line	: 20.03.2024, 16.00 Hours to 09.04.2024, 17.00 Hours.
8. Date of Opening of Technical Bid	: 10.04.2024 at 11.30 hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack.
9. Class of Contractor	: Special & Class.
10. Bid Security/EMD	: 12,60,000/- (To be remitted online)
11. Cost of Tender paper	: Rs. 10,000/-
12. Procurement Officer	: Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack, Gandarpur- 753003

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in). Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation if any required will be published only in Govt. website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)

Sd/- Chief Engineer

Drainage, Cuttack

OIPR-32466/11/0004/23-24



सरकार

## नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

## Tender Cancellation Notice

Ref:- IPRD\_PR\_015708/23-24 Dated :- 20.01.2024

निविदा Ref no:- IPRD\_PR\_015708/23-24 Dated :- 20.01.2024 एवं RFP No. 03/NUDM-11-01/24 - 375 दिनांक-19.01.2024 जिससे Selection of Agency for Customization, Development, Implementation and Maintenance of Integrated E-Governance solution using Platform for Delivery of Online Governance (UPYOG) across all Urban Local Bodies of Bihar under National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM) का विज्ञापन प्रकाशित किया गया था, जिसे अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है। उक्त सूचना [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

PR. No. 019268 (URBAN) 2023-24

परियोजना प्रबाधिकारी

—सह—अप—निवेशक,

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

कार्यालय, सचिव, प्राविधिक शिक्षा परिषद, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ।

1-गुरु गोविन्द सिंह मार्ग, बांसमण्डी चौराहा, चारबाग, लखनऊ।

Corrigendum No.: 01 Dated: 04.03.2024

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engagement of Trustee for Setting up of UP Innovation Fund – 2024

Ref.-: E-Bid Reference no: 2024 -1

Subject: Corrigendum to the Online e-Bid for "Request for Proposal (RFP) for the engagement of Trustee for Setting up of UP Innovation Fund"

Particulars	Existing Bid schedule	Revised Bid schedule
Last Date & Time for submission of Bid	18:00 Hours (IST) of 04 March, 2024	18:00 Hours (IST) of 11 March, 2024
Date & Time of opening of Bid	05 March 2024 at 11:30 Hours (IST) or afterwards	12 March 2024 at 11:30 Hours (IST) or afterwards

## Note:

- The bidders already submitted bids before issuance of this Corrigendum may resubmit their bids if desire to revise the same at their discretion. However, for the failure to do the same on part of bidders for the reasons whatsoever, Department bears no responsibility.
- All other Terms & Conditions of the RFP shall remain same and be ipso-facto applicable.

UPID 205311 dt 07.03.2024, [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
 OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER  
 EASTERN CIRCLE-I, CANTONMENT ROAD, CUTTACK  
 Email id :- [seccuttack@gmail.com](mailto:seccuttack@gmail.com)

'e' Procurement Notice No. ACE\_EC-II/42 of 2023-24 (On-line)

1. Name of Works.	(i) Protection to scoured bank on Mahanadi left near village Ranibhun from RD 3190 m to 3850 m. Bid Identification No. ACE_EC-I MSD 29 of 2023-24
2. Total No. of Works	: 02 (Two) Nos. work
3. Tender paper Cost (online) (Non-refundable)	: Rs. 10,000.00 (Ten thousand) each tender
4. Bid details are as follows :	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Tender Cost (Rs. in Lakh) (Approx.)	EMD (Rs. in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	From	To
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack	ACE_EC-I MSD 29 of 2023-24	538	538000.00	'A'	6 (Six) Calendar months	14.03.2024 at 10.00 hrs upto 17.30 hrs	28.03.2024 upto 11.30 hrs.	30.03.2024 at 11.30 hrs.	
ACE_EC-I MSD 15 of 2023-24	470	470000.00	'A'	10 (Ten) Calendar months	14.03.2024 at 10.00 hrs upto 17.30 hrs.	28.03.2024 upto 11.30 hrs.	30.03.2024 at 11.30 hrs.		

Other terms and conditions can be seen from the Govt. website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)  
All corrigendum / cancellation of tender if any, will only be uploaded in the above web site.

Sd/-  
Additional Chief Engineer  
Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack  
OIPR- 32370/11/0055/23-24

## Education Department

Directorate of Mid Day Meal Scheme

Budha Marg, Pathya Pustak Bhawan, Patna, 800001

Short-Notice

## Notice Inviting RFP through e-tendering

RFP is invited from reputed agencies for providing evening snacks at the Government and Govt. aided School covered under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in the State of Bihar for all 38 Districts.

In order to avoid classroom hunger, increase school enrolment, increase school attendance and to address malnutrition, the Mid Day Meal Scheme (Now known as PM POSHAN YOJNA) is being implemented in the State for the children of classes I to VIII. In the State of Bihar nearly 118.20 lakh students of classes I to VIII are being served under Mid Day Meal Scheme.

The Mid Day Meal invites RFP from reputed company registered under Indian Companies Act 1956/2013, Society Registered under Society Act 1880, Voluntary Organisation, Consortium and Proprietorship to supply evening snacks under mid-day meal Scheme to Government and Govt. aided schools cover under mid day meal scheme in state of Bihar.

The complete detail of RFP may be downloaded from e-proc2 website [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in).

Mid Day Meal reserves its right to accept or reject any or all the RFP without assigning any reason thereof.

Sl. No.	Milestone	Date and Time
1	Release of RFP	08/03/2024, from 10.00 AM
2	Pre-Bidders Conference @ the office of Director Mid Day Meal Scheme, Budha Marg, Patna-01	11/03/2024 at 3.00 PM
3	Last date for submission of written questions by bidders only through email:-mdmsbihar@gmail.com	11/03/2024, 3.00 PM
4	Response to the queries	11/03/2024, 6:00 PM
5	Last day to submit bid	15/03/2024, 4:00 PM
6	Opening of Technical Responses	15/03/2024, 4:30 PM
7	EMD thru e-Proc On-line mode only	Rs. 1,00,000/-

Above RFP is e-Tender (RFP). The complete e-tender (RFP) document can be viewed/ downloaded from Bihar (Beltron) e-Procurement portal [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and bid shall be submitted online only at [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) by the prospective bidders. Bids submitted through any other mode like paper form shall not be entertained at any cost.

(Mithilesh Mishra)

Directorate of Mid Day Meal Education Department Government of Bihar, Patna

PR-019299 (B &amp; C) 2023-24

नशो से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से यार

## 4-yr-old killed in fire at C'garh hostel

A four-year-old girl died in a fire that broke out at a govt-run porta hostel in Chintakonta village in Awapali region, around 40km from Maoist-hit Bajpur district in Chhattisgarh, on Thursday. The staff and villagers evacuated 380 children from the hostel. What caused the fire is not clear yet, said police, adding that the hostel was razed to the ground. TNN

OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI  
(Transport Cell)  
Near Kutchery Chowk Ranchi 834001  
Ph. No. - (0651-2212674/2210495)

Letter No: 102/Trans Date : 05-03-2024

## CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to NIT No.72/Trans Dated:-12-02-2024 (P.R. No.: 318888) Request for Proposal for Selection of Fare Collection Agency and Service Provider for Implementation of Automatic Fare Collection System for city Bus service for RMC(4th Call)the following amendment has been made.

Sl. No.	Amendments Made by RMC
1	Last date of bid submission 20-03-2024 05:00 PM
2	Opening date of technical bid :21-03-2024, 05:00 PM

For details please visit [jharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) Other terms and condition will remain same as per the RFP.Sd/-  
Dy. Administrator,  
Ranchi Municipal Corporation,  
Ranchi.

**BJP leader gunned down in Jaunpur:** Secretary of Varanasi unit of BJP, Pramod Yadav (55), was shot dead in broad daylight by unidentified assailants in UP's Sikrara area of Jaunpur on Thursday. Police teams have been formed to nab the assailants. TNN

NORTHERN RAILWAY  
TENDER NOTICE  
(Through e-tendering)

Name of Work with its location	Provision of Electrical lifting barrier in place of mechanical lifting barrier in interlocked LC gates of station section Delhi division.
Approx. Cost of the work (Rs.)	Rs. 1,44,15,817.85/- only
Bid Security (Rs.)	Rs. 2,22,100.00-only
Address	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055
Date & Time for upload of the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading 07.03.2024 / closing date & time- 01.04.2024 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
Tender No. 558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-1419	Dated: 07.03.2024

## Why Is Women Employment Low?

Latest Periodic Labour Force Survey shows improvement in women's employment and participation in the workforce, but they lag behind men in both these metrics

Lower education levels compared with men and social norms are the major factors behind lower employment of women  
Women spend far more time on unpaid activities than men

Reasons for women not being in workforce (In %)

44.5

Childcare/personal commitments in home making

33.6

Want to continue study

9.3

Health/age related reason

4.7

Other reasons

3.4

Social reasons

3.2

Didn't have required training/qualification/age for work

0.7

Financially well-off

0.6

Non-availability of work at a convenient location

# Tata Sons looking at debt rejig to avoid IPO next year

Recast May Allow It To Lose RBI Tag That Mandates Listing

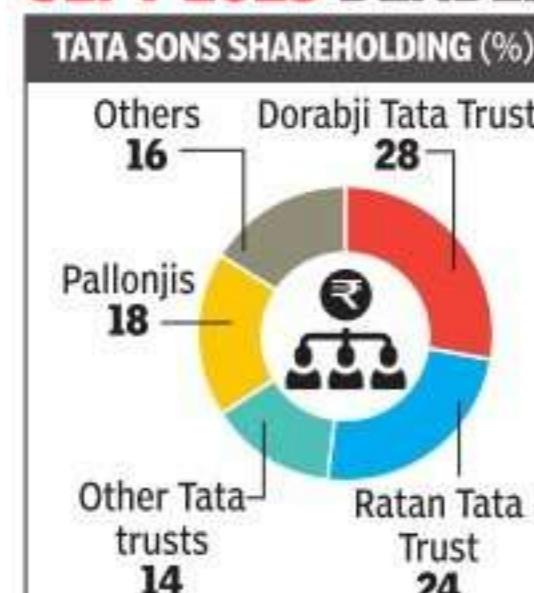
Reeba.Zachariah  
@timesgroup.com

**Mumbai:** Tata Sons, the holding company of the \$150-billion Tata Group, which needs to list by Sept 2025, is exploring the option of restructuring its balance sheet to get an exemption from an RBI rule-mandated IPO.

RBI rules state that if a 'core investment company' doesn't own more than Rs 100 crore in assets and doesn't raise public funds (if it repays them or transfers them to a separate entity), then it 'neatly sidesteps' RBI's grip, freeing itself from being considered as a CIC and 'upper-layer' NBFC, and is not required to go for a public listing", said a person familiar with the development. Tata Sons declined to comment.

Tata Sons is registered as a CIC with RBI and the banking regulator has classified it as an upper-layer NBFC, requiring it to follow a stringent disciplinary structure with a mandatory listing within three years of be-

### SEPT 2025 DEADLINE



ing notified. RBI came out with the notification for Tata Sons in Sept 2022.

While there is still time for Tata Sons to comply with RBI rules, the N Chandrasekaran-led company is exploring options of transferring its debt to a separate entity so that it is excluded from the 'upper layer' list, the person quoted earlier said. According to Tata Sons FY23 report, it has borrowings of Rs 20,000 crore.

According to a lawyer, a CIC is regulated by RBI only if two conditions are satisfied:

First, if the CIC has an asset size of more than Rs 100 crore. Second, if it has raised public funds. If either of the conditions fail, then it is not required to be registered as a CIC.

Tata Sons has assets worth over Rs 100 crore and it will have to reorganise its debt by either repaying its borrowings and becoming debt free or transferring them to a separate entity, which will enable it to deregister as a CIC from RBI, the lawyer said.

Four listed Tata Group companies that own a stake in

Tata Sons saw a surge in their share prices in anticipation of the holding company's potential IPO. In Thursday's steady trading session, the stock price of Tata Chemicals rallied nearly 15% on the BSE and closed the session with a 11.6% jump at Rs 1,315. Tata Chemicals is expected to be the biggest beneficiary of Tata Sons' potential IPO.

"The only realistic way to get exposure to the potential value unlocking (of Tata Sons stake) is via Tata Chemicals wherein the ownership of Tata Sons potentially amounts to 80% of the company's market capitalisation. The stake is worth 16-21% of the market capitalisation for the other three companies (Tata Motors, Tata Power and Indian Hotels)," said investment banking firm Spark in a report.

The report added that "should the street assign a Rs 10-11 lakh crore valuation to Tata Sons, the intrinsic valuation of Tata Chemicals is 5.7x FY25 PE, which could potentially re-rate should the investment be liquidated at/after IPO."

ans grew by 39%.

Retail loan portfolio reached Rs 117.4 lakh crore in Dec, up from Rs 100.3 lakh crore in the year before — a 17% year-on-year growth. Women borrowers' share in retail loans remained stable at around 26%. Active women borrowers rose to 7.8 crore in Dec, up from 6.7 crore a year ago, with a 17.8% year-on-year growth. Male borrowers with active loans increased to 20.2 crore from 17.8 crore in Dec 2022, with a 13.1% year-on-year growth.

In terms of volume of loans, the business loan segment accounts for 6% of the total \$9.6 crore retail loans. The largest retail segment in volume of accounts is personal loans (18% of retail loans), where the share of women borrowers has increased to 16% from 15%. In value terms, share of women in overall retail loans of Rs 117.3 lakh crore has remained unchanged at 26%.

Incidentally, after gold loans, the share of women borrowers is highest in small business loans, where women constitute 43% of the borrowers. The portfolio outstanding for women borrowers in two-wheeler and personal loans increased 26% year-on-year. Personal loans saw a 52% annual increase in active loans, while property loans

grew by 39%.

Stems from the business loan segment, where the ratio of women-men borrowers has dropped to 38:62 from 40:60 a year ago. As a result, share of women in the overall volume of retail loans has fallen to 24% from 25% a year ago.

The drop in women's share

is due to lower rates offered by banks (including joint loans).

Women account for 16% of personal loans, compared to 15% in the previous year and 43% of gold loans — a rise from 41% in the ye-

ar-ago period. In education loans, 36% of all active accounts are of women, up from 35% a year ago. Despite the increasing representation of women among borrowers in significant sectors, their proportion in the number of active retail loans has declined. Their share in the total value of loans, however, has remained steady over the past 12 months concluding in Dec 2023.

The talent advisory firm said that unconscious bias and stereotypes about women's commitment and capabilities after a career break can impact hiring decisions. It also said women returnees struggle to negotiate fair compensation and benefits after a career break.

Women who have significant gaps in their resumes due to career breaks for caring or other personal/family reasons can be viewed as having a disadvantage, the report said.

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Women's participation in the workforce grew to 37% in FY23, a 13.7 percentage points increase in 2023 compared to 23.3% in 2018, the report showed. In India, around 25.6 crore women are employed, out of a total female population of over 69.2 crore.

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@timesgroup.com**Dharmshala:** The unravelling of the 'Bazball' ethos continues on Indian soil.

On Thursday, England were undone as much by the wristy genius of Kuldeep Yadav as their own frazzled minds. The restrictive fields set by Rohit Sharma added to England's dilemma.

What else explains the highly-strung Ollie Pope's maddening dance down the track to a flat, wide googly near the stroke of lunch? Or Johnny Bairstow's maverick cameo when there was an innings to be rebuilt? Or the edgy Ben Duckett's needless go at Kuldeep in his first over? That too after the openers had, by the skin of their teeth, survived a torrid and fascinating morning session of pace bowling from the luckless Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj.

The duo generated appreciable seam movement and a prodigious 2.4 degrees of swing, the most in this series, to set the stage for the spinners, who took all the wickets to fall.

In going from 100/1 to 175/5 to 218 all out, including a period in which they lost five wickets for eight runs in the

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**BIG MOMENT:** Kuldeep Yadav celebrates his five-wicket haul after dismissing Ben Stokes

space of 37 deliveries in the middle session, England made the Day One pitch look like a minefield. Now, opportunity squandered, they have been

served another lesson in building a Test-match innings in these conditions.

The pitch did a bit more than expected but the extrav-

gant approach of most England batters didn't help. Any team would have struggled on the day against Kuldeep (5/72 from 15 overs), but the profligate approach added to the problem. It was as if every England batter believed that a ball with his name would be up next and played accordingly.

Only Zak Crawley, who

hung in after being tied down early on to score 79 off 108 balls, looked like going on for a big one. Root, bolstered by a patient century in the previous Test in Ranchi, too appeared to be bucking the trend until he was set up by the wily Ravindra Jadeja with one that spun away and took the outside edge, planting the seed of doubt. The next one, a slider, caught Root plumb in front.

Both scored brisk yet composed half-centuries as India ended the day comfortably ahead at 135/1, going at 4.5 per over to show just how good the pitch was for batting. Jaiswal (57 off 58; 5x4, 3x6) continued to break new ground, becoming the second-fastest Indian to 1000 Test runs and the second ever after Sunil Gavaskar to score over 700 runs in a series of five or more Tests.

Ashwin dismantled the tail, picking up a nice four-wicket haul in his landmark 100th Test to follow up on England's nightmare afternoon session.

Kuldeep, though, was the story of the day. He showed just why he is rated as the most improved spinner in world cricket, putting extra revs on the ball, getting some bite and zip off the wicket, tossing it up, varying his pace, generating impressive turn and tying the England batters up in knots.

Unless the England batters can pull themselves up by the bootstraps in the second innings, 'Bazball' appears in risk of being labelled a rather eccentric approach—a non-starter, even—in these conditions.

**JAISWAL IN EXALTED COMPANY: SOUTHPAWS WITH 700-PLUS RUNS IN A SERIES VS ENG**

Batter	For	Series	T	I	Runs	Ave	100	50
M Taylor	Aus	1989	6	11	839	83.90	2	5
B Lara	WI	1993-94	5	8	798	99.75	2	2
B Lara	WI	1995	6	10	765	85.00	3	3
G Sobers	WI	1966	5	8	722	103.14	3	2
G Smith	SA	2003	5	9	714	79.33	2	1
<b>Y Jaiswal</b>	Ind	2023-24	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>89.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
G Sobers	WI	1959-60	5	8	709	101.28	3	1

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

## SCOREBOARD

**England, 1st innings:** Z Crawley b Kuldeep 79, B Duckett c Gill b Kuldeep 27, O Pope st Jurel b Kuldeep 11, J Root lbw b Jadeja 29, B Stokes lbw b Kuldeep 0, B Foakes b Ashwin 24, T Hartley c Padikkal b Ashwin 6, M Wood c Rohit b Ashwin 0, S Bashir not out 11, J Anderson c Padikkal b Ashwin 0; **Extras:** (b2, lb1, nb2) **5;** **Total:** (57.4 overs) **218;** **FoW:** 1-64, 2-100, 3-137, 4-175, 5-175, 6-175.

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scored by Yashasvi Jaiswal in a Test series vs England, overtaking Virat Kohli's tally of 655 (ave 109.16) in eight innings in 2016-17 at home.

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## AGGRESSIVE CAPTAINCY REASON FOR ENG DOWNFALL: BINNY

**Dharmshala:** BCCI president and former India seamer Roger Binny feels that England skipper Ben Stokes' aggressive captaincy has been trumped by his Indian counterpart Rohit Sharma's patience and tactical nous in the ongoing series between the two teams. "Well, the captaincy of Ben Stokes so far he has been more aggressive, and I think that has been the (reason for their) downfall in the few Tests," Binny, who is here to watch the proceedings, said.

Binny is very impressed with the manner in which Rohit has waited for opportunities and the right time to pounce on the opposition. "Rohit Sharma again has been very tactful. You know he knew exactly what he wanted to do and he got his bowlers to do that,"

**1039:** Rohit Sharma's run-aggregate at an average of 41.56 in 16 Tests to become the 10th Indian captain to complete 1000-plus runs.

Virat Kohli tops with 584 runs at 54.80 in 68 Tests.

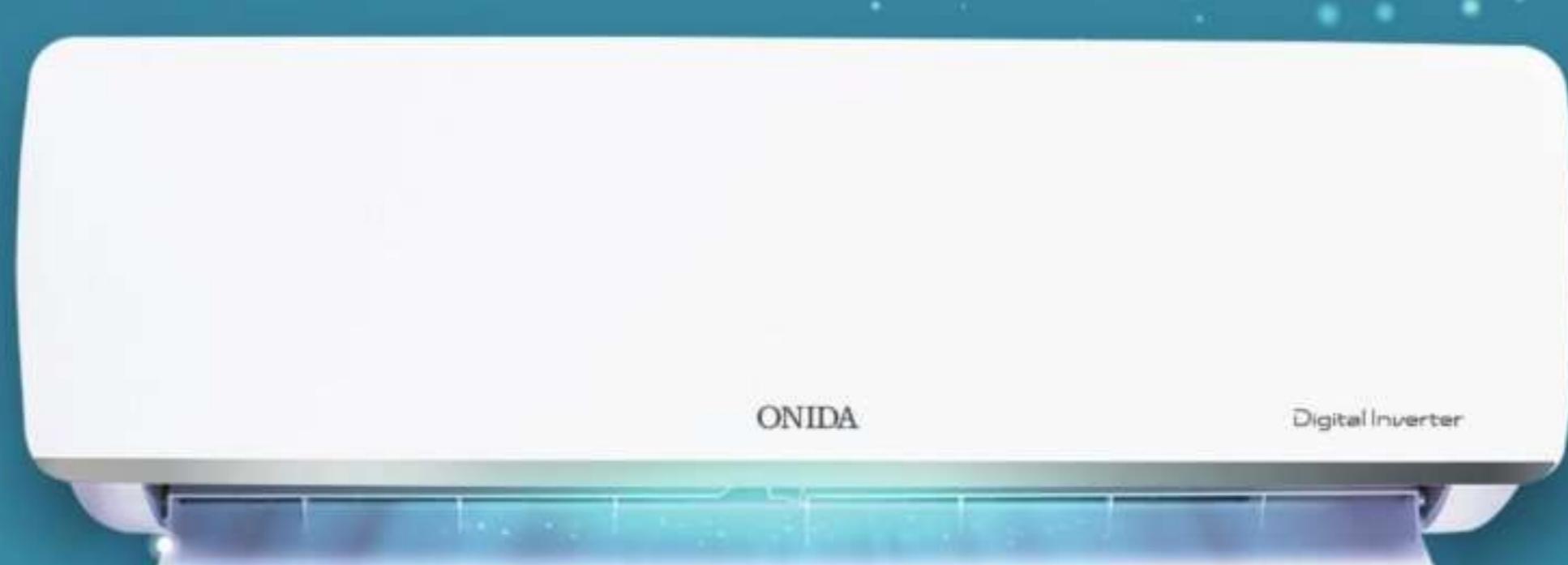
**50:** Test appearances at different grounds for James Anderson. He becomes the second England player after Joe Root to accomplish this feat. Root's unique 50 came in the Ranchi Test in this series.

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Cricket

## KIRAN NAVGIRE (29 years)

Kiran Navgire burst into the limelight after becoming the first Indian to score more than 150 runs in a T20 match. Playing for Nagaland, she smashed an unbeaten 162 off just 76 balls against Arunachal Pradesh in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy at the ACA stadium in Barsapara on April 15, 2022. Her innings was decorated with 16 sixes and 10 fours. She followed her breathtaking performances with a stroke-filled 69 off 34 balls in the Women's T20 Challenge, playing for Velocity against Trailblazers. Her sensational knocks at the domestic level led to Women's Premier League (WPL) franchise UP Warriorz acquiring her for Rs 30 lakh (base price) at the first-ever WPL auction. Before making cricket her full-time career, Navgire has won medals in athletics and javelin throw at local age-group and state-level tournaments.

## GALLERY

## Teen shooter accidentally fires at physio

New Delhi: Accidental firing by a teenaged shooter left a physiotherapist with a broken jaw that required an emergency surgery to dislodge the pellet during a tournament in Chennai, making it the third serious breach of safety norms in Indian shooting this year. After a shooter lost his thumb while filling the cylinder of his pistol in Faridabad recently and a rifle exponent pointed her gun towards the spectators gallery during the Nationals here, a shooter from Bengal accidentally shot a physiotherapist in her hotel room in Chennai early this year. The pellet got lodged in physio's jaw and was removed after an emergency surgery at a private hospital.

**Israel's Olympic status not in question, says IOC prez:** Israel faces no threat to its Olympic status ahead of the Paris Games despite the conflict in Gaza, IOC president Thomas Bach confirmed Wednesday. Some of the scattered calls Israel has faced for sporting sanction since October have come from Russia, which is isolated in world sports because of its invasion of Ukraine. Bach's frustration with Russian government and sports officials was clear in a one-hour online call with invited international media.

**'Employee who accused Horner suspended':** The Red Bull Racing Formula 1 employee whose complaint sparked an investigation into alleged misconduct by team principal Christian Horner has been suspended, a person with information on the matter told AP. The person requested anonymity because Red Bull has revealed no details of the investigation. AGENCIES

## ACTION TODAY

**BADMINTON:** French Open, QFs, 2.30 pm & 9.30 pm (Jiocinema)

**CRICKET:** India vs England, 5th Test, Day 2, 9.30 am (Jiocinema); WPL, Delhi vs UP, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema)

**FOOTBALL:** ISL, Jamshedpur FC vs Mumbai City FC, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema)

**LIFT-OFF:** Haryana teen Anmol Kharb stepped into the limelight at the Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia



Shooting

## ESHA SINGH (19 years)

Esha Singh scripted history at the Hangzhou Asian Games last year when she became the first Indian female shooter to win four medals in a single edition of the multisport event - gold in 25m sports pistol team and three silver in 25m sports pistol individual, 10m air pistol individual and 10m air pistol team. Her show formed the cornerstone of India's best-ever haul across the Games, with the country's shooters bagging as many as seven gold, nine silver and six bronze to finish with 22 medals. She later partnered with Shiva Narwal to secure gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the 2023 World Championships in Baku. Continuing her good run of form, the 19-year-old daughter of a rally driver from Hyderabad, secured India's 15th quota place for the Paris Games, winning gold at the Asian qualification tournament.

## Athletics

## JYOTHI YARRAJI (24 years)

Jyothi Yarraji's indomitable spirit can fly past any hurdle of life. India's fastest woman hurdler, who comes from a humble background, has rewritten the national record in the 100m hurdles, which stood for nearly two decades before it was broken in May 2022, thrice, and then in October 2022. She stamped her class at the international level when she claimed a silver in the 60m hurdles at the Asian Indoor championships, clocking 8.13s at Astana last year. She then rewrote history books after becoming the first Indian to breach the sub-13 second barrier by clocking 12.79s at National Games last year. At the Hangzhou Asian Games, she won a silver in the 100m hurdles. Earlier this year, she bettered her own national record by sprinting 8.12s in the 60m hurdles to secure a gold at the Asian Indoor Championships which was held in Tehran.

## SHAILI SINGH (20 years)

Shaili Singh is being considered as the rightful successor to the legendary Anju Bobby George. The Jakarta Asian Games gold medal winner, who had jumped 6.55m to stand on top of the podium, is currently ranked as the top long jumper in Asia. The 20-year-old came remarkably close to breaking her mentor Anju's long-standing national record of 6.83m, with a jump of 6.76m at the India Grand Prix in Bengaluru last year. Raised by a single parent, mother Vinita Singh, in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi, Shaili started running barefoot and "would often return home with blisters on her feet." My mother would weep at the sight," Shaili once recalled. She burst into the limelight after winning silver (6.59m) at the Under-20 World Athletics Championships in 2021 before securing her first senior international medal when she claimed another second-place finish at the Asian meet in 2023.

HIS TURN: After some hard convincing, Kuldeep Yadav accepted the honour of leading the team off the field

Time will tell if it was a rare passing-of-the-mantle moment, but as the Indian players trooped off the field after England's innings here on Thursday, the ball was tossed to Ashwin to keep and lead the team off the field. It seemed fitting, except Ashwin didn't agree.

## In fitness of things, Kuldeep steals the spotlight

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**Dharamshala:** Milestones don't matter, wickets do. Kuldeep Yadav, having just raced to 50 Test wickets in the second-quickest time in cricket history, was handed this important lesson from his senior spin partner Ravichandran Ashwin here on Thursday.

Having just taken four wickets in his 10th Test, the veteran off-spinner instead tossed the ball to Kuldeep, who had snared 5/72 to break England's back. Never one for the spotlight, Kuldeep quickly handed it back, and Mohammed Siraj was seen cajoling Ashwin to accept the offer.

Ashwin was having none of it, and after some hard convincing, it fell to Kuldeep again to show off the ball to the crowd with a shy smile on his face. It was a rare peek into the camaraderie and mutual respect which has enabled India's spinners to keep their home soil an unbreachable fortress.

This has been a groundbreaking series for the left-arm wrist spinner, not least because he has played four Tests in succession in a career which has seen him play just 11 Tests before this since debut in 2017. That debut, incidentally, was here in Dharamshala, marking a line in the sand for this special talent.

It was back in the 2019 Sydney Test that then-coach Ravi Shastri had marked Kuldeep out as India's lead spinner in

overseas Tests, but sporadic selection, a knee injury and the fading away of his white-ball partnership with Yuzvendra Chahal meant Kuldeep was in serious danger of not living up to his potential. He has since remodelled his game, adopting an action and run-up which enables him to vary his trajectory and pace, all while putting less pressure on his knee. "I put in a lot of hard work after my surgery in 2021. I worked on my pace, which is very important while bowling in India," Kuldeep said.

"If you bowl at a certain speed and change your pace, it gets difficult for the batters. Now I am mature, I don't think too much about taking wickets. I try to stay relaxed. It has been seven years since my debut. I understand my game better now, I know how to read the wicket."

"Bowling is all about fitness. I've worked a lot on my fitness in the last 18 months, I've been able to make changes in my technique because of increased fitness."

It was very challenging. It took me six to eight months to find that rhythm with a new action. Even in Rajkot and Ranchi (in this series), I've bowled longer spells."

Of course, it would be fair to say Kuldeep has blossomed under captain Rohit Sharma. On Thursday, it was insightful to see how neatly he now fits

into the team dynamics, and so interesting to watch Rohit and wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel guide the spinner. Like before the Bairstow dismissal, when Rohit said, "Hawa mat de (don't give the ball air)." Or before the Ollie Pope stumping, when Jurel warned him, "Badhega aagey, badhega aagey (he will step out, he will step out)!"

Pope prefers stepping out and wants to dominate. He just stepped out a bit early," Kuldeep said.

That a bowler of Kuldeep's abilities finds himself relegated to third spinner behind Ashwin and Jadeja speaks volumes of India's current spin riches. While that doesn't change for now, Kuldeep has showcased his match-winning abilities repeatedly at home against a formidable opponent, with promise of more to come.

On becoming the fastest Indian to 50 Test wickets, Kuldeep said, "I don't think about records. A lot of players don't get opportunities, so I'm just grateful. I've played a lot with Ash bhai and Jaddu bhai. In Hyderabad, I had a long chat with Ashwin and he told me about the changes I need to make in my mindset. He gives a lot of ideas. I hope they play for a long time."

And did he keep the ball or return it to Ashwin? "He said he already has 35 balls, and asked me to keep this one."

Sciver-Brunt also shone with the ball (2/14) for MI, picking up two wickets off successive balls to cap an impressive all-round performance. She was ably supported by slow left-arm orthodox Saika Ishaque, who was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3/27 in her four overs.

It was also a sweet revenge for Harmanpreet Kaur-led side as they were defeated by UPW by seven wickets in their last meeting earlier this season. Alyssa Healy-led UPW struggled to score freely, with just 17 runs coming off in the powerplay overs at the loss of three wickets.

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a newly-laid surface at the Arun Jaitley stadium, Nat Sciver-Brunt's 45 and Amelia Kerr's 39 helped MI set a target of 161. In reply, UPW could manage to score 99 for nine as MI bowlers maintained a disciplined line and length. For UPW, Deepthi Sharma turned out to be the lone bright spot with a fighting 36-ball 53.

## Mumbai Indians drub UPW to get back to winning ways



BIG WIN: Mumbai Indians celebrate the wicket of Grace Harris on Thursday

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**New Delhi:** Mumbai Indians put their campaign back on track with a comprehensive 42-run victory over Uttar Pradesh in the Women's Premier League (WPL) here on Thursday. Opting to bat first on

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## KARTHIK TO END IPL CAREER AFTER 2024 EDITION

**Dharamshala:** India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik is set to make his last IPL appearance in the 2024 edition beginning on March 22, and he will decide on his international retirement after the T20 league. The 38-year-old, who is currently contracted with RCB, has played in all the 16 editions of the IPL since 2008 and has only missed two matches. PTI

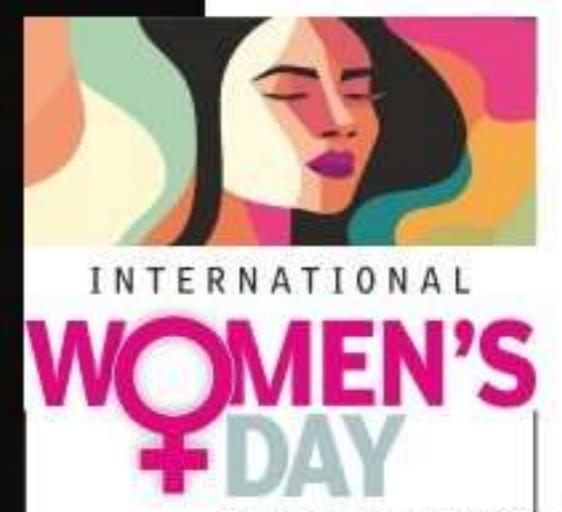
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## Badminton

## ANMOL KHARB (17 years)

Anmol Kharb emerged as the big hope for Indian women's badminton. Her sensational performance in India's historic gold medal-winning run at the Badminton Asia Team Championships has provided the shuttle fans belief that she can follow in the footsteps of Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu. Had it not been for Anmol's powerful strokeplay, technical skill and mental fortitude, India wouldn't have been able to clinch its maiden gold in Shah Alam. The 17-year-old from Haryana's Faridabad played three matches in the Asian meet and won all of them, defeating more experienced and higher-ranked opponents. But what made the success sweeter was the fact that all her wins came in the decider, including the final. Anmol was always meant to achieve bigger things, becoming the India No. 1 in both the under-17 and 19 age groups. She became the women's singles national champion at the age of 16. Last year, she was selected to be a part of the senior team for the Asian championships.

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## Golf

## AVANI PRASHANTH (17 years)

Ever since golf returned to the Olympic fold, rubbing shoulders with the best and competing at the biggest sporting extravaganza has been teen wonder Avani Prashanth's dream. The 17-year-old golfing sensation has made rapid strides in her quest to get there with a clutch of impressive performances in the last couple of years. With the Olympics in her sights, the Bengaluru-based teenager, who made the Indian team for the Hangzhou Asian Games, has dominated the amateur circuit in the country. She went on to win the Queen Sirikit Cup in Manila early in the year - the only Indian to do so in its 43-year history. Avani now feels she is ready for the Olympics.

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## Padukone in her corner, Sindhu in QFs after six months

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PV Sindhu reached her first quarterfinal in six months and showed signs of getting back to her best. The 28-year-old ousted Beiwen Zhang of USA 13-21, 21-10, 21-14 in the second round of the French Open Super-750 tournament in Paris on Thursday. However, it was curtains for Kidambi Srikanth, who lost to Li Guang Zu of China 21-19, 12-21, 20-22.

The last time Sindhu made it to the quarterfinals was on Oct 19, 2023 at the Denmark Open. She was nursing an injury since she limped out of the second round match at the French Open last year and returned to the circuit last month to lead India to their first ever Asia Team Championship title.

In between, Sindhu shifted her base to Bangalore to train with Indonesia's Agus Santoso under the watchful eyes of the legendary Prakash Padukone. India's first All England champion Padukone was in the coach's seat after a gap of 25 years and was heard giving some important tips to Sindhu during the match against Zhang. Even when Sindhu struggled in her first round match against Michelle Li on Wednesday, Padukone was seen advising her to serve high, stay calm and wait. It helped as Sindhu worked her way into the match.

She looked agile on the court and retrieved everything. In the second game, Sindhu widened the margin from 9-8 and won it with a big margin. Though Zhang put up a good fight in the second half of the third game, Sindhu was in control.

In the quarterfinals, she will face the winner of the tie between Chen Yu Fei of China and Line Christoffersen of Denmark. Sindhu thanked Padukone for helping her. "And what it makes even more special is having a true legend of Indian badminton by my side, taking on a coaching assignment after 25 years just to be in my corner! Prakash sir, I hope this is just the beginning of many more memorable moments together," Sindhu posted on X.

## BAI announces rewards

Meanwhile, the Badminton Association of India (BAI) has announced a cash incentive of Rs 1.12 crore for top performers. The women's team that won the Asia Team Championships will get Rs 35 lakh and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty Rs 12 lakh for the Asiad gold.

## 'Sports quota jobs to youth not good'

New Delhi: Top Indian high jumper Tejaswin Shankar has questioned the sports ministry's decision to make Khelo India medal winners eligible for government jobs, saying it may prompt athletes to use "unfair means" as the policy seeks to reward single achievement over consistent performance.

Sports minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday announced that the medal winners from the Khelo India Games - Youth, University, Para and Winter Games -- would be eligible for government jobs as per a revised criteria. Shankar, who won a high jump bronze in the 2022 Commonwealth Games and a decathlon silver in the Hangzhou Asian Games last year, was not amused with the decision.

"... incentive to resort to unfair means is really high when u have a govt job at hand and all u have to do is (sic) medal once at age group level nationally. We need to reward consistency not spikes in performance," said the national record holder. He, however, did not specify the exact nature of the unfair means that aspirants may resort to. PTI

# DEAL SEALED

Real Madrid Advance To Quarterfinals

After 1-1 Draw With Leipzig

**Madrid:** Real Madrid withstood an onslaught from RB Leipzig to secure a 1-1 draw in the second leg of their Champions League last-16 tie that sent them through to the quarterfinals with a 2-1 aggregate victory on Wednesday.

RB Leipzig were arguably the better side and missed several gilt-edged chances. But Real Madrid increased the tempo in the second half and ultimately did enough to seal their place in the last eight.

Bidding for a record-extending 15th Champions League title, Real took the lead thanks to a Vinicius Jr strike from a counter attack in the 65th minute.

But Leipzig's Willi Orban levelled the score three minutes later with a header to set up a tense final few minutes that included a strike that hit the crossbar by Dani Olmo. Even though Real have a formidable record in Europe, having been knocked out in the round of 16 only twice in the past 14 years while winning the title five times during that period, Carlo Ancelotti's team began rather cagily. Leipzig kept threatening to score, with Orban missing twice in the second half after shooting wide.

In the second half, Rodrygo replaced Eduardo Camavinga and suddenly Real were playing with more purpose.

Real appeared to have put the tie to bed when Toni Kroos stole the ball and fed Jude Bellingham at the halfway line, who took the ball up the Leipzig box.

He slipped a pass to Vinicius, who had cut in from the left into the centre circle before rifling a shot into the left-hand corner. That goal only seemed to fire up Leipzig, who equalised within three minutes when Orban got in front of Nacho to score with a stooping header from a cross by David Raum. In a final 20 minutes in which several yellow cards were handed out, Real were playing with fire and were under repeated pressure in their own box with goalkeeper Andriy Lunin, who had already saved Real in the first leg, forced to make several crucial saves. REUTERS

Real Madrid 1 (Vinicius 65) Leipzig 1 (Orban 68); Real Madrid win 2-1 on aggregate



"We were playing opponents who had loads of quality but came here with nothing to lose. My team played within themselves. Naturally, that meant we were forced to suffer, but the only important thing is that we are in the quarterfinals." — Ancelotti, REAL COACH

MATCH STATS	
Real Madrid	Leipzig
54	Possession %
11	Shots
3	On Target
3	Corners
12	Fouls

TWIN TROUBLE: Real's Jude Bellingham (L) and Vinicius Junior in action against Leipzig's Yussuf Poulsen

## All calm in the City

**Manchester:** Pep Guardiola said Manchester City have earned their place among the perennial contenders for Champions League glory after reaching the quarterfinals for a seventh consecutive season on Wednesday.

Guardiola could even afford the luxury of resting a host of star names in a 3-1 victory over FC Copenhagen at the Etihad last season, but Guardiola acknowledged his side are now seen as favourites for the competition ahead of the likes of Real Madrid and Bayern Munich.

Goals from Manuel Akanji and Julian Alvarez killed the tie as a contest inside 10 minutes before Erling Haaland drilled in his 29th goal of the season.

Mohamed Elyounoussi briefly

reduced the Danish champions' deficit to 2-1 on the night, but Copenhagen were outclassed over two legs as the European champions remain on course for another treble. City conquered Europe for the first time in the club's history last season, but Guardiola acknowledged his side are now seen as favourites for the competition ahead of the likes of Real Madrid and Bayern Munich.

Man City 3 (Akanji 5, Alvarez 9, Haaland 45+3) FC Copenhagen 1 (Elyounoussi 29); Man City win 6-2 on aggregate

Match Stats

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3	On Target
4	Corners
5	Fouls

The English champions have not lost a Champions League game at the Etihad since 2018 and became the first side in the competition's history to score three or more goals in nine consecutive home games.

"The important thing is being there (in the quarterfinals) seven years in a row, it's quite impressive," said Guardiola.

"We are well-respected from our opponents. The numbers are there - our consistency."

"I remember when I arrived, we didn't believe, the club didn't believe we could do it because we didn't have the hierarchy in Europe like teams in Spain or Germany. It was a question of time, a process. AFP

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Stadium in Gosford City on Thursday. Mikael Doka scored a brace (36', 77' (P)) while Storm Roux (52') and Ronald Barcellos (82') added one each for the A-League side to inflict the heaviest defeat on Kalinga Warriors in recent times.

Despite almost equal share of possession, Odisha could manage only seven shots, and just one on target, which summed up the plight of the Indian Super League (ISL) leaders against the hosts, who were clearly the superior side on the day.

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## INDIAN WELLS: RAFA NADAL'S PULLOUT HANDS SLOT TO 'LUCKY LOSER' NAGAL

**Indian Wells:** Sumit Nagal has advanced to the main draw of the BNP Paribas Open as a 'lucky loser' after Spanish superstar Rafael Nadal withdrew from the event citing lack of readiness to play at the highest level.

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Challenger event. PTI



I have asked the national federation and my coach to do something about it before the Paris Olympics," he said.

"When I started off in 2015, competing in international events

I got this javelin," he recalled.

The reigning Commonwealth Games champion, Nadeem had

skipped last year's Asian Games in Hangzhou, citing a knee problem.

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Vivek Kumar Gupta, Managing Director/NHSRCL, inspected the bullet train construction sites in Surat, including casting yard, under-construction Surat bullet train station, steel bridge launching sites and track construction activities.

## ISL: Bagan cry 'boycott' amid ticket pricing row

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exclude VIP seats.

Although charging 'away' fans higher than home fans to watch the same match is common across the globe, in Indian football's context, a host club usually maintains parity in terms of ticket pricing for both sections of fans. "This is a shameful incident we are witnessing in the history of the famous Kolkata Derby," Mohun Bagan club secretary Debasish Dutta said in a statement on Thursday.

Highlighting a disparity in ticket pricing,

# BJP, TDP set to seal pact for LS, Andhra elections

Naidu, Pawan Kalyan Meet Shah & Nadda

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New Delhi: Continuing to cast its net wide, BJP on Thursday appeared to be on the verge of finalising a seat-sharing arrangement with Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in Andhra Pradesh for Lok Sabha and assembly polls.

TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, along with his ally Jana Sena party chief and Telugu actor Pawan Kalyan, met home minister Amit Shah and BJP chief J P Nadda to work out details of the likely pact for the two contests to be held simultaneously.

Sources said TDP has agreed to leave six LS Sabha seats — Araku, Rajahmundry, Narsapuram, Eluru, Rajamsetti and Tirupati — for BJP, while resisting the latter's claim for three more: Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Hindupuram. Details of

## Karunakaran daughter quits Cong for BJP

Daughter of former Kerala CM K Karunakaran and a Congress leader, Padmaja Venugopal, on Thursday joined BJP, saying she was not happy with the grand old party for years and it lacked a strong leadership.

Venugopal joined BJP in the presence of senior party leaders, including its Kerala in-charge and ex-Union minister Prakash Javadekar.

After joining, she said she was happy to have joined BJP but a "little bit tense also" because she stood with Congress for years. "I decided to quit as I was not happy with Congress for so many years, especially since last assembly polls in Kerala," she told reporters.

She said she tried to reach out to Congress top brass several times to discuss her grievances but was never given appointment. "There should be a strong leadership in every party. In Congress, there is no leadership," she added. TNN



there will be a meeting of NDA constituents on Sunday.

The development comes amid growing indications that BJP and Biju Janata Dal, which is in office in Odisha, are on the verge of finalising their alliance as senior leaders of the two parties held separate meetings on Wednesday and dropped hints of such a possibility.

Naidu had met Shah and Nadda in Feb, bolstering speculation that they are headed for an alliance even as things have not crystallised so far.

Nagpur: The imposing blue and yellow gate of Nagpur Central Jail opened on Thursday morning to let out former Delhi University professor GN Saibaba in a wheelchair straight into the waiting arms of his wife Vasanthi Kumari after almost a decade of incarceration that he said was so traumatic, "it's a miracle to be alive".

Saibaba, whose release came two days after he and five others charged under UAPA with aiding Maoists and waging war against the state were acquitted a second time, said seeing his cellmate and co-accused Pandu Narote die two years ago left him shaken.

The 54-year-old alleged that being denied medical treatment in prison wracked his health, as did Narote's, whom he described as a "young, healthy tribal" who died of "a simple fever".

"When I went to prison, I had no ailments other than my disability. Now, my heart is only 55% functional, and I am facing muscular complications. My liver, gallbladder and pancreas have also been affected. My right hand is partially functional. My doctor says I need multiple surgeries," he told reporters.

Lawyer Nihal Singh Rathod stood by his side as Saibaba insisted he was a rights activist who had been victimised by state. The ex-professor said he only did a piece of documentation on tribal rights at the behest of fellow 'activists' — late Delhi HC judge Rajindar Sachar, Swami Agnivesh, then IAS officer BD Sharma, and then DU professor Randhir Singh. "They wanted me to coordinate with civil rights groups, while govt in power told me to stop my work. This became the basis of my arrest."

Saibaba recounted how govt ran a "salwajudum" and Operation Green Hunt, affecting tribals whose land had allegedly been usurped for mining projects.

The professor denied knowing Narote before his jail stint. He also expressed solidarity with lawyer Surendra Gadling, an accused in Bhima Koregaon violence case, now lodged in Pune jail. Saibaba said Gadling was

paying the price for defending him in court. "He was threatened with a long prison term for fighting my case."

On whether he will continue activism, Saibaba said it is every citizen's duty to stand up for rights. He said despite his health, he wants to make up

for lost time. "I was arrested at peak of my career. Will I get back the 10 years I lost?"

## Maldives army to hold operational control of copter, crew from India

### MEA official in Af for trade talks with Taliban

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**Male:** Maldivian defence force on Thursday said it will have operational authority over the helicopter given by India to the island nation and the civilian crew that will pilot it.

Addressing a press conference, Principal Director of Plans, Policy and Resources Management for Maldives National Defence Force, Colonel Ahmed Mujithaba Mohamed said discussions are underway for withdrawing Indian troops from Maldives.

Col Mujithaba said the Indian helicopter stationed in Addu City is currently undergoing repairs, and in its place, 26 civilians have arrived in Maldives with a replacement helicopter. He said familiarisation process is in progress and said Indian troops will depart from Maldives as planned. PTI

New Delhi: Without officially recognising the current dispensation in Kabul, India has continued to engage with Taliban leaders and officials over issues related to humanitarian assistance.

Apart from this, terrorism, drug trafficking, formation of a "truly inclusive" govt and preserving rights of women, children and minorities top India's list of immediate priorities. In line with this, govt point person for Afghanistan and MEA joint secretary JP Singh is currently visiting the country to engage with Taliban leaders, including foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi.

Bilateral relations between Afghanistan and India, economic and transit

issues were discussed comprehensively, said Taliban foreign ministry.

Singh also met industry and trade minister on Thursday to discuss economic cooperation between Afghanistan and India, which reopened its embassy in Kabul in 2022. This is his fourth visit since Taliban takeover of the country in Aug. 2021.

Interestingly, the Indian official also met former Afghanistan president Hamid Karzai, one of the few political leaders to remain in Kabul after return of Taliban, to discuss the situation in the country. Karzai requested India to continue to cooperate with Afghanistan, especially in the field of education, in line with its traditionally strong ties with people of the country.

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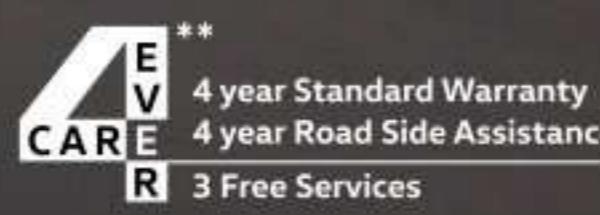
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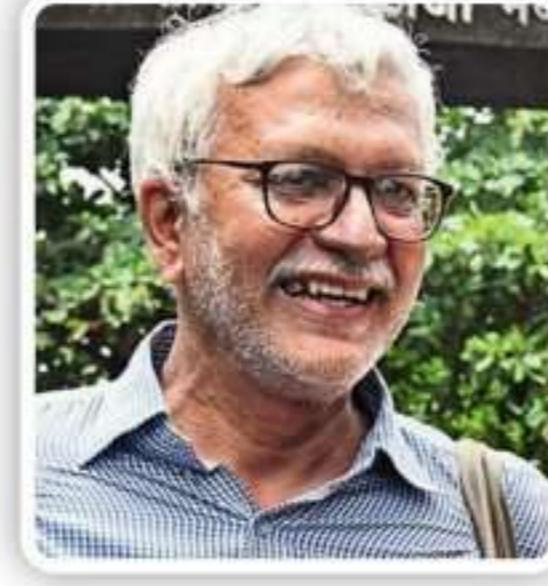
# Released from Nagpur jail after a decade, Saibaba says 'it's a miracle to be alive'

Vaibhav Ganjpure & Shishir Arya

## Why having a book on Mao doesn't make you a Maoist

Bombay high court's Nagpur bench, as it acquitted former DU professor GN Saibaba, made it clear that internet downloads of material about a specific ideology is no offence under anti-terror law UAPA. But lower courts quite often don't go by this principle. So, those accused stay jailed till their appeal comes up before the higher judiciary with SC reiterating a number of times that possessing literature is simply not an offence, in and of itself. Here's a look at some instances

TOI Explains



### Gautam Navlakha vs State Maharashtra, 2018

Arrested in 2020 in Elgar Parishad case, under house arrest since 2022. Bombay high court granted him bail in Dec 2023. Case was in SC on Mar 7, 2024, where NIA appealed against his bail

In the present case, said documents recovered, such as Agenda or Constitution of the Party or other related documents, which allegedly propagated violence, would not attract provisions of UAPA... Mere possession of CPI(Maoist) literature does not attract UAPA..."

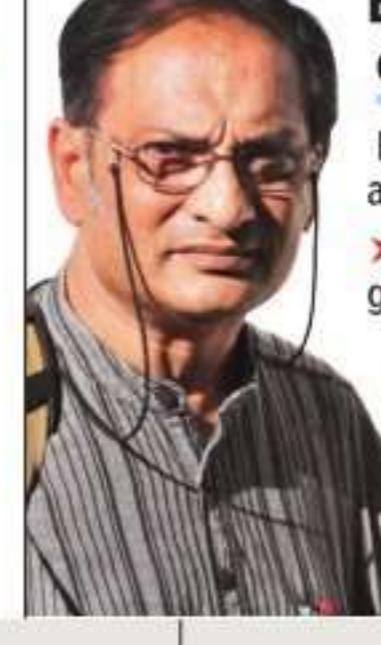
SC REFERRED TO ITS EARLIER ORDER ON GONSALVES, FERREIRA



### Vernon Gonsalves vs State Maharashtra, 2018

Jailed in Aug 2018, accused under UAPA in Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case, SC granted bail to Arun Ferreira and Gonsalves in July 2023

Mere possession of literature, even if it inspires or propagates violence, by itself would neither amount to a 'terrorist act' under UAPA nor any other offence..." - sc



### Binayak Sen (PUCL vs State) Chhattisgarh, 2010

Binayak Sen was arrested in 2007, charged with sedition for possessing allegedly seditious literature

Sessions court sentenced him to life in 2010. SC stayed sentence, granted him bail in 2011

Mere possession does not constitute sedition unless there is incitement to violence... If Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography is found in somebody's place, is he a Gandhian? No case of sedition is made out on basis of materials in possession unless you show he was actively helping or harbouring them (Maoists)" - sc

PUCL is People's Union for Civil Liberties

### Allan and Thaha vs State (Kerala, 2019)

Kochi NIA court (2019) bailed two Kerala students arrested under UAPA for alleged Maoist links. HC set aside bail of one. SC bailed both in 2021.

Mere possession of literature on Maoist ideology or class struggle does not prove anything adverse against the accused" - sc

### Md Ameen & Others vs NIA (2022)

NIA accused 11 people of propagating Islamic State ideology. An NIA court in Delhi held mere possession of jihadi literature is not an offence under UAPA

To hold that mere possession of jihadi literature having a particular religious philosophy would amount to an offence, though such literature is not expressly or specifically banned under any provision of law, is not fathomable in law unless and until there is material about execution of such philosophy so as to do terrorist acts" - NIA COURT